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SUPERSTARS SET RECORD STRAIGHT

ODZAKOV

By LAURIE SCHWAB

From the verge of national team selection to the youth team of Preston Makedonia — that's the sorry plight of Zarko Odzakov.

He had been considering an appeal against the \$32,000 transfer fee slapped on him by Makedonia, but he's changed his mind.

"I'll play all year in the Makedonia youth team if that's the way John Branov (Makedonia's president) wants it," Odzakov said this week.

"I'll lose about \$4000 or \$5000 in match payments but they'll still have to come to my contract money. I only have to train two nights a week and there's no pressure. If they want that, then OK."

Zarko Odzakov, with his trophy as Makedonia's best player in 1983.

Why Makedonia's keeping me out

Can you believe it? One of Australia's finest midfielders, veteran of 350 matches with Vardar Skopje and a former Yugoslav youth and junior representative, playing in the Victorian youth league?

Will the Makedonia fans stand for it, especially if the senior team loses a couple of matches?

Here's what's caused Odz-

akov's relegation to the reserves

Makedonia asked all players to take a cut in pay because the season will be shorter this year.

After some haggling, Odzakov agreed to take a \$400 cut in his contract pay, providing the club provides air tickets back home to Yugoslavia for

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KIWIS CAN AID 'ROOS

The outcome of the World Youth Championship qualifying series almost certainly will depend on the Australia v Israel clash in the final round at St George Stadium on Sunday.

New Zealand, however, could do Australia a favor by beating Israel on Friday.

Australia seems assured of victories against Taiwan today (Wednesday) and Papua-New Guinea on Friday. If Israel also wins against Fiji (today) and New Zealand (Friday) both teams would go into the last round unbeaten.

It will be the seventh clash between Australia and Israel at youth level.

Israel holds the edge, having won three, drawn two and lost only one game against the Australians.

That loss was in the 1983 World Youth Championship qualifying series, in Costa Rica.

Israel beat Australia 3-1 in their first encounter in that series, but lost the return match 1-2 in a result that sent Australia to the finals in Mexico.

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PATIKAS

I'm not just in it for the money!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

A huge weight was lifted from Jim Patikas's shoulders when he left Sydney Olympic and joined Sydney Croatic for \$25,000 last month, but since, he's suffered the indignity of being labelled a "penny-pincher", a player whose main interest in soccer is only how much money he can make.

"It's been hard to take because there's been so many lies spoken and written about me recently," said Patikas, a veteran of 30 national youth team appearances and nine national team appearances, and still just 21.

Patikas spent two unhappy years at Olympic after joining from Sydney City Hakoah, where he made his NSL debut when he was 15.

"I was never really happy at Olympic, I was just 18 and a half when I joined. Olympic made me a huge offer and I wanted to play in front of the Greek fans. I'd signed a three-year contract with Hakoah when I was only 15 so when Olympic's offer came along I couldn't believe it," said Patikas.

"It was Tommy Docherty that brought me to Olympic but I never got on with Manfred Schaefer when he took over as coach. He knew what players he liked and frankly, I don't think that I was one of them. I reckon he used to pick on me. The papers would say that I played okay and I knew that I'd done fairly well but Manfred would say that I had a bad game."

Patikas and Olympic president Jim Petrelli sat down to negotiate terms for a new contract about six months ago. Patikas claims that he was prepared to take a small cut in wages but felt that he couldn't stay as long as Schaefer was coach. He asked for a transfer.

"I told Jim Petrelli that I wasn't happy. I told him that I felt that Schaefer had something against me. We talked



Jim Patikas (right), in action for his former club Sydney City Hakoah, scoots clear of Heidelberg Alexander's Theo Selenidis.

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Tony Schwartz ready to coach again

That rainy, miserable September night in 1977, Tony Schwartz was on his way home from the Croatia Club. He'd just been re-engaged for another two years as coach of the talented skilful team he was patiently building; he felt the world was at his feet.

Then it happened. Around a bend near Double Bay swung a sedan car, waltzing madly from side to side, clearly out of control — and smashing at some speed into Tony's small car. Head on, as the saying goes; in a flash it was all over. For seven days.

Police, ambulance, doctors, the usual mad procession. The driver, a Mori woman, turned out to be drunk and later faced some stiff charges but eventually got off lightly with all sorts of suspended sentences. For Tony Schwartz it was the start of a Canossa.

The diminutive ex-Austrian star player and coach tries to be philosophical about the lost years, when he spent his time between doctors and hospitals, with constant backache, dizzy spells, strained neck in surgical collar — and surviving, somehow, on an invalid pension.

For the first two years or so, he couldn't look even at the ceiling without a sick spell resulting in a fall; neither could he look down at his toes suddenly without losing his balance. It certainly seemed that he was finished with soccer for ever.

Yet soccer was his life. In his native Vienna, at a tender age, he joined the world famous FK Austria club ('F'kha') to all true Austrian aficionados), progressed to the first team and even played in European Cup matches including a memorable one in Madrid, against Atletico where he and Andy Sagi rescued a point after being down 0-2.

Later, following in the footsteps of team mates Leo Baumgartner and Karl Jarolim, Tom and Andy came to Sydney in 1959 and joined the now legendary Prague team that ruled a handful of Czech emigres Bill Bell, George Womersley, Oscar Pick, John Dobmbyl and the late English soccer nut, Vic Chalwin.

And what a team that was! Old-timers, connoisseurs and traditionalists still stick their lips when images of the old Prague artistry are conjured up in their minds. There simply is nothing like that around now, not the consistent Sydney Hakoah, not the star-



• The mighty Prague team of 1959, from left, Lord, Scheinflug, Tamandl, Sagi, Schwartz, H Ninaus, Purcell, Sherwin, O'Neil, Hiron.

studied South Melbourne Halls, not the mathematically precise Socceros.

Later, when the great Prague was no more and the stars were scampering towards greener pastures, Tony Schwartz joined Yugal and there kept shining in "the company of another bunch of artists: Lazarevic, Dunaj, Stojanovic, Jelisavovic, Mihajlovic and others. The old Austrian magic with a Slavic accent.

Then came a 1967 retirement and a quick switch to coaching: the reserve teams of APIA and Hakoah

and finally, in 1976, the youthful, exciting Croatia with the precocious talents of Davies, Kovacic, Duradic and some more.

That team had something special — and Tony was clearly onto a secret formula. That team had style.

Week after week, it attempted to play the same free-wheeling, short-passing game, based on positioning without the ball, flair and improvisation. Tony was shaping his own personal, fledgling, "Wundermannschaft."

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



And then the accident: twisted metal, contorted bodies, siren, screams, blood, morphine...

It was some two or three years before he ventured back to a soccer match as a spectator; it took him a further one or two to toy with the idea of rejoining the fold. In 1982 he went to see the World Cup finals in Spain — and that whetted his appetite for the game: hours and days he spent with the Austrian team and with his old friend Jon Venglos, there as coach of the disappointing Czechoslovakia.

Now a trim 46, Tony joined the elegant Hakoah social club two years ago as manager of the always busy Cardroom and Slickers Bar, a position often requiring the diplomacy and tact of a Prince Metternich.

But soccer, it seems, is still in his blood. Having at long last settled his protracted compensation case, Tony Schwartz is ready to return to coaching.

He has no doubt that he can do a good job — and neither do I. Soccer is in his Austrian blood.

"I'd love to handle some talented youngsters again," he says. "Skill, skill and more skill is what's missing from the Australian game. And that cannot come from coaches who weren't skilful players themselves."

"Yes, I'd love to coach another Croatia-type of talented young team. I'd try to create another stylish side, I believe in giving youngsters more than one chance."

"Keep them in the team for three or four weeks — and let them know about that. Many coaches send in the kids for 20 minutes at the end of an almost expired game; what's the use of that?"

"I know it's been said before but it still doesn't make it achieve: our kids here, up to about 16 or so, are as good as any. It's only after that the slide comes and the gap opens between us and the 'recognised' soccer nations."

"This is something we should be all concerned with. I know I am. And, given a chance again, I'd try to do my bit."

Saints offer Olympic \$20,000 for Soper

Sydney Olympic rejected a bid of \$20,000 last week from St George for transfer listed striker Marshall Soper.

Olympic wants \$35,000 for Soper but Olympic secretary Tom Doumani is pleased that at last a starting point in transfer discussions has been established.

"I spoke to Marshall Soper last week but his contract demands are totally unreasonable as

far as Olympic is concerned. However, if St George can meet his demands then maybe a deal can be worked out over his transfer."

Olympic has tried, unsuccessfully, to swap Soper for a number of leading players in Sydney, among them Ian Gray of APIA, Graeme Fletcher or Grant Lee of Hakoah and Robbie Slater of St George.

"Maybe we'll be able to work out a player and cash deal with St George in exchange for Soper," Doumani added.

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Marshall Soper: still \$35,000

Kiwis confident despite poor results on tour



New Zealand's No. 1
goalkeeper, Richard
Wilson of Preston-
Makedonia

Although only one victory was gained in the United Kingdom (the Fijian leg of the world tour cannot be regarded as significant), New Zealand believes it has created a solid foundation for its World Cup campaign against Australia and Israel.

Four players were outstanding successes: Clint Gosling, Ricki Herbert, Colin Walker and Kevin Birch.

Gosling, of Newcastle Rosebud United, performed heroics in goal though it was to Pre-

ston Makedonia's Richard Wilson, who improved markedly as the tour progressed, that the No. 1 Jersey went for the clash game with England B.

Having retained the kingpin of defence and confirmed Tommy Docherty had made a wise decision when signing him for Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Central striker Colin Walker displayed flashes of brilliance, despite seeing little of the ball, and pocket dynamo Kevin Birch showed himself to be surprisingly competent in stretching professional defenders.

Despite these individuals enhancing their reputations, results were distinctly unspectacular.

The one win was achieved against a Third Division Reading side "strengthened" by the

inclusion of the elderly George Best and Martin Peters.

Inevitably, comparisons were made between the performances of Australia in Britain at the same time, and New Zealand's general belief the Kiwis were deemed inferior, but the World Cup clashes are still some months away and the All Whites are confident their programme will enable them to "peak" at the right time.

New Zealand tour results:

- v. Fiji won 2-1.
- v. Fiji drew 1-1.
- v. Newcastle United lost 0-3.
- v. Reading won 2-1.
- v. Glasgow Rangers lost 0-5.
- v. Leicester City lost 1-4.
- v. Portsmouth lost 2-3.
- v. England "B" lost 0-2.

Will Fallon look to Watford?

Two months after the event, the precise reasons for Allan Jones' shock resignation as New Zealand's national team coach remains a mystery.

Officially, Jones quit in order to concentrate on his new position as chairman of the Oceania Confederation's coaching committee, having taken over from Eric Worthington.

But there surely must have been other considerations when Jones discarded two years of hard work, particularly as he often has emphasised that the World Cup is the one barometer of a national team coach's ability.

Jones' blunt, self-confident style, at times bordering on arrogance, did not endear him to many in the New Zealand soccer fraternity.

His lack of popularity among New Zealand football journalists can be gauged by nor su-

perity of the Year" poll — which predecessor John Adshead won three times.

Inability to match Adshead's results and "charisma" also affected the public image of Jones, who will remain as National Director of Coaching.

Kevin Fallon, Assistant national team coach for four years, was the obvious successor as All Whites supremo, particularly after his track record with Gisborne City in domestic soccer last season, the first in which he did not also play.

Since Fallon's appointment there has been much speculation about New Zealand adopting the "long ball" tactics of Sheffield Wednesday and Watford, which were studied during the recent world tour.

Whether Fallon's stated belief that this system could possibly be utilised successfully by the All Whites is merely "thinking aloud" for the consumption of Israel and Australia, or heralds a new style, remains to be seen.

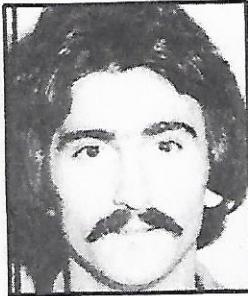


Clint Gosling — starred on the Kivis'

Discontent over Fernandez won't stop Inter



Vic Fernandez



Chris Thamnides



Sebastian Giampaolo

The "poor country cousins" are coming to town, determined to make a name for themselves and equally as adamant that they won't be disgraced in the exalted company of the National Soccer League.

The country team is Inter Monaro, from Queanbeyan in southern New South Wales.

Monaro has been called the "find team" of the New South Wales Federation, bursting onto the scene in the first years after formation of the NSL and actually winning the NSW grand final in 1979.

Now they've gone one step further up the ladder and have joined the elite.

But club officials and players have no fears of the coming season.

"We've started later than some of the other clubs in preparing for the new season, but we're getting there," said club PR man Brian Brinkler.

"The sound is coming together and that's really been most of the battle."

"It's taken a lot of work to get the club into the right attitude, but we're confident we'll pull our weight."

Brinkler's views were echoed by Monaro's "prodigal son" and undoubted star player, Seb Giampaolo.

"Don't write us off as mere State Leaguers," he said.

"We've got players like Walter Valeri, Tony Brennan and Isaac Farrell, who've all had NSL experience."

"And there are some others who are on the point of signing, so I'm told."

Giampaolo said he had re-signed with the club despite some approaches from APIA.

"I enjoyed my spell in Sydney before, but I just want to see what Monaro can achieve."

"There's a good spirit here and it's always been a forward-looking club," he said.

Giampaolo was convinced that Monaro wouldn't be among the stragglers this year.

"But said relegation was on for everyone, so the clubs that had been promoted in the past would have to fight for their lives."

"But that doesn't frighten us. There is enough footballing talent here to take on anyone."

Some of the other players who have joined Monaro include former Pan Hellenic player Chris Thamnides, Marconi's All-star Carbone (on loan) and Steve Hoszowski from Canberra.

Inter Monaro this year have re-vamped their administrative set-up, dividing the club's soccer and social responsibilities.

It's been a move for the better according to club officials, and they say things are getting done faster and with less turmoil.

The club's neat little field, the Marco Polo Ground, is undergoing extensive remodelling, so for the next two years the club will use Seiffert Oval home of the Canberra Raiders Rugby League team.

The ground is the pride of southern NSW.

By STEPHEN DETTRE

and has perhaps the best playing surface in the State for football of any code.

"We've got the ground for at least two years while the rebuilding at Marco Polo goes on," said Brinkler.

"The first match is on March 10 against Canberra, so it's a big way to start our new phase," he said.

The new coach of Monaro is former Romanian national youth team coach Josef Procop.

"He was last here in 1981 with the Romanian team during the world youth tournament," Brinkler said.

"They finished third and were one of the most entertaining sides," he said.

Procop is a product of the eastern European football academy system and is more than qualified for the job.

"He's 60 years old, but he's still pretty fit and is a track suit coach in the true sense, running with the players," Brinkler said.

However, the departure of former coach Vic Fernandez was less than well received by some members of the club.

One official, who wants to remain unnamed, said the club should never have stuck by Fernandez, who had brought the club into the NSW grand final.

None of the players, too, have expressed disappointment with Fernandez' departure, but they said they were ready to batten down and get to work under Procop's guidance.

It's so easy.



• It's not really so easy. Soccer success has come to Charlie Yankos as the result of a lot of hard work. Here he is at his new job with the TAB in Melbourne.



• Charlie Yankos, at TAB headquarters in Melbourne, signs his new two-year contract with Heidelberg-Alexander. At left is the TAB's marketing administration controller, John Mahony, and at right, Heidelberg official Lou Ioannidis. Pictures by DAVID SEGAL

YANKOS TIPS A WINNER

Heidelberg for the championship? You betcha! So says Charlie Yankos, who's backed a winner career-wise as well as in soccer.

Yankos, whose ready smile and self-con-

KARDAMITSIS TO GREECE

Spiros Kardamitis heads off within a fortnight to try and grab a goalkeeping spot with a Greek First Division club.

The 19-year-old former Victorian representative is disillusioned with the local scene and with the backing of his father, Lambros, aims to make it big overseas.

Kardamitis trialled with Greek clubs AEK Athens and Panathinaikos late in 1981.

He's represented Victoria at under 14, 15 and under 16 levels and after his outstanding season with Northcote in the Victorian State League in 1982 he signed for Heidelberg. According to Lambros Kardamitis, that's when his sons problems started.

"I tried to stop Spiros going to Heidelberg because I knew that they already had a good goalkeeper in Jeff Oliver," said Lambros Kardamitis.

"Spiros played in goal for Heidelberg in the first two games of the Buffalo Gold Cup last year before Jeff Oliver was overseas but when Oliver returned, Spiros was dropped straight away even though he's done quite well. I don't think that Heidelberg really gave Spiros a chance."

"A few of the players didn't like him and from what I've been told by a committee man, a few committee men also didn't like him."

Kardamitis has bought out his contract with Heidelberg so when he goes to Greece, he's a free player.

fidence are sure signs of a young man going places, signed a new two-year contract with Heidelberg-Alexander at the Melbourne headquarters of his new employer, the TAB.

He's an operations and marketing cadet, learning everything there is to know about the TAB world.

But forget about seeking him out for tips. He doesn't bet, he says, apart from the occasional flutter on the Melbourne Cup.

Yankos, 22, has scored to soccer stardom by playing 16 matches for Australia in the past 18 months. His opponents have included the forwards of England, China, South Korea, Juventus, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, PSV Eindhoven, and Arsenal.

With Heidelberg, he reached the southern division final of the NSL only to be beaten by Hellas last year. The fact that he was sent off in that match probably contributed to Hellas' victory.

But Yankos intends to make amends in 1985, by leading Heidelberg to the national title.

"I can't see any reason why we can't win it," he says, "especially now that we've got George Christopoulos. We've got one of the best defences in the country — just look at our record over the years. And we definitely got the best goalkeeper in Australia, in Jeff Oliver."

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Spiros Kardamitis, in action Heidelberg, grabs the ball as team mate Joo Angeles looks on.

Goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski — joined Inter Monaro from Canberra Arrows.

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TV's 'Molly' Meldrum — Palinkas got him involved with Fawkner.



Tony Kovac of Footscray J.U.S.T. — too shrewd to be fooled by Palinkas

Get your hair cut and keep those knees up!

PALINKAS RECALLS THE GOOD TIMES

There's a hint of sadness in the voice. A sense of longing. What psychologists call "a back to the womb experience".

Joe Palinkas — the man who introduced media personality Molly Meldrum to Victorian State League club Fawkner — played alongside some of the greats of Australian soccer in the days when the game "wasn't so intense".

Now, it's all about "going out there to kill rather than going out there simply to play."

Palinkas was a kid, just 15 and a half years old, when he made his debut for Melbourne in State League. Joe Szabo, Alastair Scott, Steve Bleskany, Ray Pocock, John Wallace all were at Melbourne then. So was Rale Basic the coach. Ken Kontra too. Those were the days...

"Entertainment's gone out of the game now. To be honest, you don't really get a chance to entertain the crowd anymore. Coaches tell players to get out there and hammer this guy or that guy in the first tackle and put them out of the game. It's a shame that it's come to that," said Palinkas.

Soccer still offers him enjoyment though. And a bundle of laughs. Like when he switched from Footscray J.U.S.T. to Brisbane City for \$18,500 in 1980.

Tony Kovac, of Footscray, was president of J.U.S.T. then, and Palinkas tried to "put one over" Kovac.

"I went to Tony's restaurant and told him that I was fed up with Melbourne. I said that I had this mate who was a builder in Brisbane and I fancied going up there and working as a builder's laborer. Tony told me to sit down and have a coffee and we'd chat. That was when I told him that there was this club up there called Brisbane City..."

Kovac cut the conversation short.

"You don't think that I came down in the last shower do you Joey?" said Kovac.

"Really, Tony I only want to go to Bris-



Craig Mackenzie

bane to work as a laborer," said Palinkas, fighting to keep a straight face.

As if to prove this tale, Palinkas keeps breaking into fits of laughter.

"So Brisbane City phoned me up and I told them that everything was okay. I packed my bags and flew to Brisbane and City put me up in this house.

"The day after arriving in Brisbane, I phoned Tony Kovac and told him where I was. Tony says, 'Joey, Joey you've got to come back'. He even offered to pay my air fare back to Melbourne. I said: 'No way, Tony. I'm a builder's laborer now and I'm happy.' Didn't give me this bullshit," says Tony. I said, 'Tony, I want to stay with Brisbane City,' so Tony says, 'Okay, just give some time to think about this and ring me tomorrow.' I can imagine him pacing about with that furrowed brow of his. I can just imaging it.

Fights galore

"I had to tell City that J.U.S.T. wanted me to stay, so City rang up Tony. He told them there was no way J.U.S.T. would let me go. He plucked a figure of \$20,000 out of the air, thinking that he'd scare City away but he must have almost fainted when City said that they were prepared to negotiate over that figure."

Brisbane City vs Footscray J.U.S.T. were poles apart. At J.U.S.T. the players didn't fight with each other on the training track or in the dressing rooms. Life in soccer up north was an eye-opener for Palinkas.

"I remember limbering up before one of our games and seeing Larry Gaffney with this cut eye. I wondered what the hell was going on and I found out that he'd had a fight with one of the other City players."

"Ask Jimmy Dunne (Morwell Falcons' coach) what it was like up there and he'll tell you all about it. It was bloody incredible. We had this physio who used to be a professional boxer and he used to have the theme from 'Rocky' blaring in the dressing rooms to motivate the lads. It certainly motivated some of them!"

Nereo Saftich coached Brisbane City in 1980 and 1982. According to Palinkas, Saftich was a good motivator. He won't say anything about Saftich as a tactician, though.

"Never knock coaches because they've all got their own ideas and they're all different. It's very hard to compare them really."

Again, Palinkas breaks into laughter when he recalls one of Saftich's training sessions.

Knees up, lads

"There was this big storm that Brisbane one night and we were out on the training track. Nereo wore these glasses that had a million-holed top and he decided to keep working during the storm. But once he took them off, all the lads ran for cover and as we stood there, behind poles or behind the rooms, we could hear Nereo saying: Well done lads, that's the way. Keep those knees up though, keep them up."

Palinkas was under a lot of pressure at City. The club had forked out big money for him and expected a big return. So did the local press, but City finished 12th in the 14-team NSL in 1980. The following year things were different. Under coach George Potter, a former City player, the side improved.

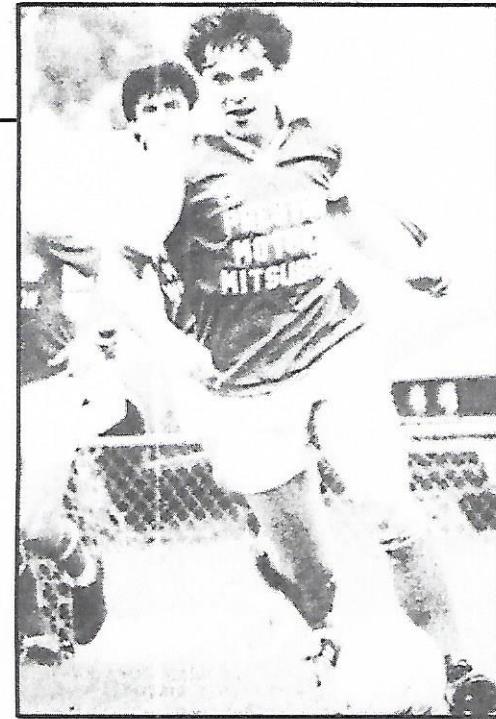
"We could have won the league that year but we blew our chance. We had a good side then with David Ratcliffe, Gaffney, Paul Wilkinson, Frank Pimbrett and Steve Perry. It was really enjoyable playing in that team."

City lost Ratcliffe, Gaffney and Wilkinson for the 1982 season and Saftich replaced Potter. City finished last in the 16-team NSL.

That was the end of Palinkas's days there. He returned to Melbourne and linked up again with Cedo Cirkovic, then coach of Fawkner, which just had won its way into State League.

"Cedo's like a magnet for me," said Palinkas, who played under Cirkovic in the late 1970's at J.U.S.T.

"He (Cirkovic) always seems to be there at the right time. In fact, I almost went back to J.U.S.T. and rejoined him this year."



Joe Palinkas — Melbourne-Hungaria, St. George Budapest, Footscray J.U.S.T., Brisbane City and now in his third season with Fawkner.

Sydney but when I think of what playing with a great club like St. George could have meant to me, I realise how wrong I was."

"I also had an outstanding contract with St. George. I got \$3,000 to sign on and a return trip to Hungary at the end of the season and it had been arranged for me to play with Ferencvaros during my trip over there. Like I said, I was crazy to leave St. George."

Maybe staying with St. George could have seen Palinkas developing into a national team player. He's played for the Australian under-23's but never has made a full national team appearance.

If he ever catches the eye of the national coach, he will be forced to give his hair cut, the way he was when he first tasted representative soccer with the Victorian under-16's.

"Rale Basic was coaching the under-16's at the time and after a training session, he called me up and said: 'Sonny, you're in the squad for the under-16's but if you don't get your hair cut tomorrow then don't come back to training'. So I went and got this short back and sides job done and went to training the next night. Rale says: 'Good boy, now you can play'."

And play he did. It was a Palinkas goal which clinched the national under-16 championship for Victoria, a first for that state.

Palinkas was in Fawkner's starting line-up in 25 State League matches last season, scoring six goals, and polling 18 votes in the Rothmans Medal. He says he's 28, but if he made his State League debut with Melbourne when he was 15 and a half then... well, maybe we'll take his word for it.

His friendship with Molly Meldrum has been a bonus for Fawkner for Meldrum is now a club member and attends many Fawkner matches.

And Palinkas' ability also is a bonus. He is a tremendous close control and can be a powerful runner, as he's shown in the Buffalo Gold Cup this season. He's clearly been one of Fawkner's better performers so far.

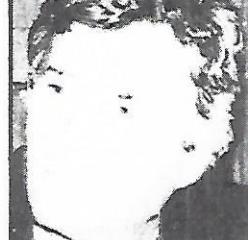
"Fawkner can go a long, long way in Australian soccer because the people at the club have the right attitude — they want to win."

"Gus MacLeod (Fawkner's coach) puts a lot of hard work into running the club along professional lines. He's been great for Fawkner, in fact I think he'd do a great job for any club."

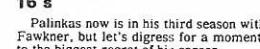
"I'd love to coach but when I do, I'll concentrate on skills. I've always intended coaching during playing days, like up."

"One thing's for sure. When I do coach, I won't wear glasses and run the lads when it's raining. And I won't tell players to get their hair cut!"

Gus Macleod — doing a top job, says Palinkas



Rale Basic — coached Palinkas in the Victorian under-16's



Rale Basic — coached Palinkas in the Victorian under-16's

Palinkas now is in his third season with Fawkner, but let's digress for a moment, to the biggest regret of his career.

Transferred from Melbourne to St. George Budapest in 1975 for \$6,000, a hefty sum back then. But after a year with St. George he returned to Melbourne and joined J.U.S.T.

"I was crazy to leave St. George, absolutely crazy."

"Maybe I was too young. I'm a Melbourne boy and I never liked living in

Green Gully players join Sunbury

Defenders Ron Kremers and Paul Beranic joined progressive Victorian First Division Club Sunbury this week.

Kremers and Beranic have signed two-year contracts with Sunbury and at the end of that period, they will become Green Gully players again, if they wish.

Sunbury, the second Victorian club after Alton Rovers to be granted a full liquor licence (Morwell Falcons since have become the third), has a magnificent 20-acre complex at Laramama Park.

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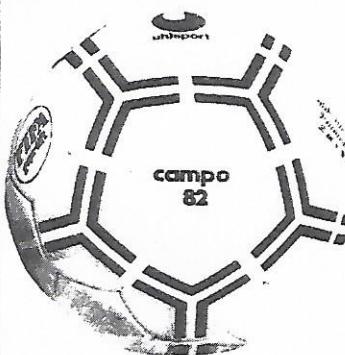


TV's 'Molly' Meldrum — Palinkas got him involved with Fawkner.



Tony Kovac of Footscray J.U.S.T. — too shrewd to be fooled by Palinkas

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PUSKAS BEST OF ALL TIME

It was in Switzerland during the World Cup of 1954.

The Hungarian football party stopped for a quick glimpse at a local youth match.

A stray shot by one of the youngsters sent the ball flying over the bar and well beyond the playing area.

Nobody moved. Not one of the players thought it within his dignity to go and retrieve the ball.

Ferenc Puskas, Hungarian captain and then reigning world's undisputed best, mustered in amazement.

"You see, this is why there's no soccer in Switzerland," he said. "Back in my day, when we were kids, we would have run, fought and scrambled over each other just to get a touch of a real leather ball."



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At last, one of the Swiss youngsters strolled after the ball, brought it back and threw it to the goalkeeper.

For Puskas, that was the limit.

"Did you see that?" he said. "Did you see it? He threw it with his hand. Didn't kick it. He THREW it."

"I could cry."

For all who ever have played football, the incident explains vividly to what degree Puskas was addicted to the game.

I mean, who really cares whether a kid in Switzerland throws the ball or kicks it? What in the world does that have to do with the harsh realities of life or the price of fish?

But people do care, or at least did in those days, nowhere more than in central Europe; then the home of football romance, the geographical spine of all that was good and was ever meant to be good about football.

Of course, the harsh realities of life, ironically had a lot to do with the high quality of Hungarian, Austrian and Yugoslav football and an awful lot to do with why Puskas was merely the most outstanding of a long queue of supreme players who emerged in the 50s from that region.

In Stalinist Hungary for instance, with its grim oppression, snaking food queues, its drab poverty, its barren political future, there was no room in the mind for life's realities, only an urge for diversions and intermittent bouts of joyous irrelevance such as games of football.

As a result, the game was lifted to heights it had not seen since, its attraction having long since been buried in a maze of competing diversions brought on by the march of time and prosperity.

Which is why Hungary doesn't have a Puskas now and, for the sake of the country, I hope it never will.

But Hungarians, and to a shade less extent others, will keep remembering the magic of the Puskas' era and why they still reckon Puskas was the greatest of all time.

Many, despite Di Stefano and despite Pele, indeed agree with them.

The great Austrian Ernst Ocwirk, finally considered among the greatest of his day, said of Puskas:

"After playing soccer for 15 years across five continents there was only one player!"



The skills still are there but Ferenc Puskas isn't quite as trim as he was in his playing days.



England goalie Merrick can't stop this shot from Puskas (on the ground, wearing a dark strip) as Hungary storms to a memorable 6-3 win at Wembley in 1953.

MARCH 12 HE ARRIVES

• Mr George Serosi, manager of the Hungarian Social Club in St Kilda in Melbourne, is sponsoring the Australian visit of his long-time friend Ferenc Puskas. Here is Puskas's itinerary:

March 12: Puskas flies in to Melbourne.

March 14-18: Puskas goes to Sydney and plays in two old boys' games at St George Stadium. He also talks about his football career and many other aspects of the game during a public address in the St George social club.

March 19-22: Puskas is in Canberra. He plays in an old boys' game at Bruce Stadium and makes a public address.

March 23: Puskas returns to Melbourne.

March 26: Puskas attends a party held in his honor at the Robin Queen restaurant by former Footscray J.U.S.T. star Tommy Stankovic.

March 30: A ball is held in Puskas's honor at Hungarian House in Wantirna.

April 6: Puskas plays for Melbourne old boys against Geelong old boys at Williamstown.

April 7: Puskas plays for Geelong old boys against Melbourne old boys in Geelong.

April 12: A farewell party for Puskas is held at the Brighton Savoy Hotel.

April 13: Puskas flies out of Australia.

by foreigners on home soil — 6-3 at Wembley.

The game, and the quality of the Hungarian performance, has been described enough times on soccer pages already and anyone with the slightest yen for soccer history can probably recite most of them.

But what is often remembered is how the game, the Hungarians and Puskas in particular, changed soccer's tactical and stylistic history.

Till Wembley, 1952, the modern game was played in the WM formation with a confrontation between central stopper and battering ram centre forward characterising every game.

The Hungarians, through the expediency, brought on by player resources (and not through, I believe, any calculated plan), not only got rid of a central spearhead but laid the foundations for the 4-2-4 system which was to help Brazil win the World Cup five years later.

Dino Sani, the Brazilian who was to star in the Italian first division after 1958, admitted as much in a recent interview.

"We didn't invent 4-2-4. We merely copied the Hungarians," he said.

In Puskas, Nandor Hidegkuti and Sandor Kocsis, the Hungarians had three superb inside forwards none of whom could be spared.

With Kocsis's magnificent ability in the air, they could afford to withdraw their number 9 (Hidegkuti) creating havoc in the opposing defence (the stopper didn't know who to mark), giving him more space for his pinpoint passes and powerladen shots.

At the same time, with their right half, Boszik, being chiefly an adventurous cracker, they had to pull back left half Zakarias for more security at the back.

The team naturally evolved into one of four defend-

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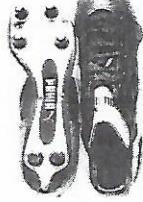
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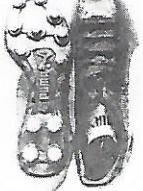


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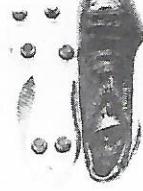
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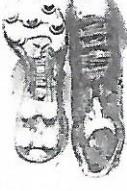
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Play on, Gardiner

S.G. Cross 1
M. Falcons 1
A last minute equaliser from Ossie Latif saved face for Sunshine-George Cross but clearly coach John Gardiner still has major problems to solve, especially in defence.

Perhaps some of those problems can be overcome by Gardiner playing sweeper rather than switching, as a player, to a lower league club, for I've got no doubts that provided he can shake off the aches and strains, he'd be invaluable at the back.

Morell, on the other hand, looks good. It's won a semi-final spot in the Buffalo Gold Cup, the only State League club to do so, and if coach Jimmy Dunne decides to strengthen his squad then the rest of State League will be hard-pressed to stop Falcons winning successive championships.

Jim MacLean's passing was a treat to watch against Sunshine-George Cross, not just in the direction of his passes but also the way he puts on the ball, able to adjust it short or long to a teammate's foot or just in front of a teammate in full flight and the cynics who knock MacLean for his "poor workrate" miss the importance of his playmaking ability.

The game opened in sensational style, for just three minutes were gone when Cross was punished for its ineptitude at the back.

The Cross defence failed to clear and a John O'Callaghan header set up Ian Stirton, who was unmarked just inside the area. Lou Kastner came off his line but Stirton struck the ball under Kastner's body to make it 1-0.

Ivan Istuk, on his debut for Cross after joining from Provisional League Chelsea, got his head to a Latif header in the 38th minute but Romeo Prezioso saved at the second attempt.

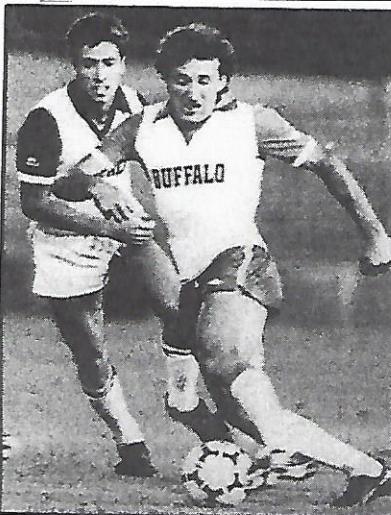
Three minutes later Latif made a great run, cutting in from the left and stroked the ball into the path of Noel Mitten, whose shot was no more than eight metres from goal.

Mitten took far too long to get in a shot and was tackled from behind. Referee Chris Brumbridge ignored pleas for a penalty.

Sunshine-George Cross seemed to have blown its chance to draw level when Latif ran onto a superb pass from Carl Glider but blasted the ball a mile over in the 65th minute.

However, he made amends in the final minute, even though it took an customary bad back pass from Moore to set up Latif.

CRAIG MACKENZIE



George Cross recruit Ivan Istuk, about to turn past Andrew Zinni of Juventus. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

BUFFALO

YAKKA IN, BROWN BACK, BUT FAB ON THE OUTER

Juventus 3
S. Geo Cross 2

Fabio Incantalupo stood disconsolately outside the dressing rooms milling over what his next move will be.

The former young Soccercoo had worked hard on his own over the summer and is in his own mind convinced that he is fit and fully over the injury which kept him out all last year.

After having been unknown



By PETER DESIRA

winged made the centre of the Tommy Traynor sacking, he now finds himself still out of the Jive side and not knowing whether he will have a regular spot in the team once the league season starts.

The explanation given to him is that coach John Margaritis still considers him not fully fit and needing to lose weight before he comes into contention.

But if one considers that this match carried no significance as both teams were ruled out of the running for a semi spot, the question to be answered is: How is Incantalupo supposed to gain match fitness by sitting on the bench?

And if the situation applied to Incantalupo why didn't the same go for John Doyle who just has returned from an overseas holiday and only has had a couple of training sessions at the club?

These were the questions that must have been going through his mind on Friday night when he said: "I still haven't signed a contract and won't, until I know what is going to happen."

"I need regular, first-team

football to re-establish myself."

That situation apart, Juventus showed the first signs of a revival in this match.

Goalkeeper Yakka Banovic was signed for \$14,000 from Melbourne Croatia an hour before the game, and Brian Brown came in for his first match of the season at sweep after the visa vacancy spot was created for him by the departure of Kevin Lloyd to Green Gully.

The only player missing from what one might consider to be Jive's strongest side was fullback Peter Lewis, who clashed with goalkeeper Sean Keogh at training and, for once, came off second best in the tackle.

Significantly, Margaritis dropped Gary Ward and Andrew Zinni into a central attacking position as Joe Sweeney's partner.

If this was a very early indication, the two have hit off superbly and Zinni had probably his best match for the club for a number of months.

Zinni's move inside also gave Robbie Cullen the free-

dom to make the runs he loves to make down the right flank and the two players played a part in all three goals for Jive.

Frank Geremia, Jive's best player in this Buffalo Gold Cup series, started the move for the first goal.

Paul Wade controlled the fullback's cross from the right, passed to Cullen, who then dummy past a player, before firing his shot home.

The second goal came two minutes later in the second half, with Wade winning a challenge in midfield, lobbing the ball to Zinni, who got a foot to it, allowing Cullen to shoot past Lou Kastner.

Banovic, obviously feeling a bit rusty after so many weeks of inactivity, was caught out by badly missing a cross from the right and allowing Noel Mitten to head home at the far post in the 59th minute for a goal that put Jive temporarily back into the game.

But temporary was, for only three minutes later, Cullen pushed the ball through for Zinni and the striker squared it for Sweeney to hit his shot home off the keeper for Jive's third goal.

Banovic made his best save of the night, diving spectacularly to stop an awkward back pass from Geremia and Sweeney missed an excellent opportunity to add to the score by hitting the post.

Cross reduced the arrears with two minutes to go when Ossie Latif converted a penalty.

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CROATIA: Govic 7 — Deankovic 8, Parton 6, Curcio 7, Hannah 9 — Biskic 8, Campbell 6, Antolovic 6, Cristaldo 6 (Gojevic 47th) — Cumming 7 (Subjek 57th), House 8. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

POLONIA: Dzelakowski 5 — Liparski 6, Smolarek 7, Avian 6, Kolaric 6 — Gibson 5 (Czaplinski 57th), P. Czaplinski 8, Gregorczuk 7 — Trout 5, Wazlawski 5, Przybyla 6. Coach: Eddie Reid.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Gojevic 13th, Cumming 46th) GREEN GULLY 2 (Lewis 58th, 65th). Referee: Jim Fearn 8.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Govic 7 — Deankovic 7, Parton 6, Curcio 6, Hannah 7 — Biskic 7, Antolovic 6, Campbell 6, Cumming 7 — Gojevic 7 (Cristaldo H.T. 5), House 6. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6 — Murray 7, Krajacic 6, Cannell 5, McLeland 7 — Smart 6, Vassallo 6, Smallman 6, Williams 6 — Lewis 8, Lloyd 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

POLONIA 1 (Przybyla 61st) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown 68th). Referee: John Stojkovic 8.

POLONIA: Dzelakowski 4 — Liparski 7, Smolarek 10, A. Czaplinski 8, Kolaric 6 — Gibson 6, P. Czaplinski 6, Gregorczuk 4 (Vonja 57th), Avian 5 — Przybyla 7, Wazlawski 5. Coach: Eddie Reid.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 6 (Kaliatidis 58th), Blair 6, Yezendam 5, Vardakis 6 — Bozinovic 6, McDowell 7, Halford 7, Murphy 5 — Brown 6, Egan 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

SECTION B

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Latif 70th) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Stirton 3rd). Referee: Chris Bambridge 5.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 5 — Scerri 5, Bennett 6, Richardson 5, Taylor 6 — Minns 5 (McGowan 45th), Faulkner 6, Bain 5, Stilley 6 — Gilder 6, Latif 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

MORWELL FALCONS: Preziosi 6 — Bingham 8, Moore 7, Bruns 6, Train 7 — van Baar 6, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 6, Cassar 5 (Brabbin 34th) — Stirton 6, Athersich 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 FAWKNER 1 (Palinkas 61st). Referee: Sam Zoumes 7.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Turzina 7 — Durdevic 6, Jovic 7, Karic 6, Lujic 6 — Perez-Regioza 6, Belic 7, Curovic 7, Janic 6 — Tapai 6, Stojiljevic 8. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 — Petrecelli 6, Fatore 7, Ferla 7, Lija 6 — Sabatino 6, Slaagham (DiCoco 28th), Palinkas 7, Chavelli 6 — Heap 4 (Ciccolani 47th), Tuffield 6 (Arico 47th). Coach: Gus Macleod.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Cullen 32nd, 37th, Sweeney 58th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Mitten 55th, Latif 68th penl). Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

JUVENTUS: Banovic 7, Geremica 8, Brown 7, Drinckcy 7, Campbell 7; Cullen 8, Dowie 7, Miranda 8, Wade 7; Zimbi 8, Sweeney 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7, Bennett 7, Richardson 7 (Scerri 53rd), Gardiner 8, Taylor 7; McGowan 7 (Bain 53rd), Faulkner 8, Istuk 7, Mitten 7, Gilder 7, Latif 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

SECTION A

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Croatia	3	2	0	7	2	8
Green Gully	2	3	0	9	4	7
Makedonia	2	2	0	5	3	6
Hellas	1	2	2	6	5	4
Polonia	0	2	3	5	9	12
Box Hill	0	1	3	3	12	1

SECTION B

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Heid-Alexander	3	1	0	8	2	7
Morwell Falcons	2	2	0	6	3	6
Fawkner	2	1	2	5	7	5
Juventus	1	2	2	6	8	4
George Cross	0	3	2	7	9	3
Foot. J.U.S.T.	1	1	3	4	7	3

Remaining games at Olympic Park, early game at 7.15 pm: Tonight (Wednesday): Makedonia v Box Hill; Heidelberg Alexander v Morwell Falcons.

Saturday: Semi-finals.

Wednesday, February 27: Final.

TOP SCORERS: 8 Lewis (GG); 4 Patterson (Heid), Latif (SCG); 3 Lane (PM); Halford (SMH); 2 Warszawski, Przybyla (Pol), Gojevic (Croat), Moore (Falc), Palinkas (Fawl), Sweeney, Cullen (Juve), Gilder (SCG).

Raw deal for Dinamo

The Victorian State League board of management last week voted not to allow St Albans to be called "St Albans Dinamo" and has decided to uphold the forced assimilation policy once high on the list of priorities of the ASF executive.

I can't help but see such moves as overtly racist.

Goodness knows why clubs allow others to label them but "Soccer Action" won't be telling you what name to call your club. You'll be telling us and that's the way it's been with this newspaper since its inception.

Now, imagine what would happen if the NSL folded and clubs returned to the financial viability of State Leagues. Would the VSF instruct Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juventus, Preston Makedonia or South Melbourne Hellas to drop the "funny foreign" appendages from their club names, or else?

Yes, I'm sure you know the answer to that one.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

And what does last week's State League board of management decision mean to Albion Rovers, who recently amalgamated with Turkish club Turku Guclu of Sunshine? No Turku Guclu, it seems, so while clubs struggle to make ends meet, the much-needed revenue generated from introducing the large Turkish community of Melbourne to top-level soccer could be lost.

There's a way around all of this, though.

Let the Press, which always talks about "freedom", give clubs, no matter what ethnic group they represent, the freedom to decide their club names.

Journalists who take the official establishment line are, in my opinion, as guilty of racism as those responsible for telling ethnic groups that their desired club name is undesirable.

Results of last weekend's first preliminary round were as follows:

NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Middleton 46th).

First preliminary round of the 1985 Dockerty Cup, at Balf Park, Brunswick, Saturday.

EAST BRUNSWICK 5 (Santangelo

10th, Eyer 25th, 30th, 69th, Patsakos 67th) NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Middleton 46th). First preliminary round of the 1985 Dockerty Cup, at Balf Park, Brunswick, Saturday.

EAST BRUNSWICK: L. Roccioletti, Bazzani,

Traficante, Bramante, S. Roccioletti, Stojevsic, Lorenzi, Patsakos, Eyer (Montesinos 73).

Santangelo, Le Poer, T. Patsakos.

NUNAWADING CITY: Fensham, Servinis (Brikic 73).

AMBER FURZER: Matoh, Brown, Deane, Greenwald, Sullivan, Font, Middleton.

A hat-trick by striker Eyer highlighted this upset victory by East Brunswick over its First Division rival.

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE
and MICK MITTEN

Mike Micevski is in dispute with Northcote and has asked for a transfer and Western Suburbs still is waiting for Northern Irish midfielder George Beattie to fly in.

Micevski is a former Marconi, Heidelberg, Hakoah (Vic), Altona City and Altona Gate player and in 1975 made six appearances for Australia.

A hitch developed over Beattie's visa last week but Suburbs was certain that everything would soon be sorted out and he'll be there shortly.

Meanwhile, Suburbs didn't carry much luck against Knox City last weekend. Steve Kakantonis, twice, and Kieron Coyle hit the post but Suburbs were sunk 1-0 with a late goal from former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Northcote striker Milan Kojic, who sent a free kick into the top corner.

Despite the loss, Suburbs coach Jimmy Condittis wasn't pessimistic about his team's 1985 prospects and raved about a future star in teenage goalkeeper Jimmy Hatzilazarou.

"Jimmy's just 16, but what a player he's going to be. In fact, the way he's playing now, he looks capable of holding our first team spot all season. He played with the Victorian under 16's last year and is one of the most outstanding goalkeeping prospects I've seen," said Condittis.

Thomastown were in the top of section "A" in the Buffalo Cup after its second successive win, this time against St. Albans Dinamo. Fred Beller got the winner, like he'd done the previous week against Knox but he has young Dinamo goalkeeper Mate Grgic to thank. Grgic, in attempting a clearance, punched the ball off to Beller's head and it rebounded into the Dinamo net.

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THURSDAY: (Tomorrow, kick off 7 pm): Northcote v Croydon; Ringwood Wilhelmina v Albion Rovers; Western Suburbs v St Albans Dinamo; Frankston Pines v Knox City.

SUNDAY: Springvale v Northcote; Croydon v Ringwood Wilhelmina; Thomastown v Western Suburbs; St Albans Dinamo v Frankston Pines.

BUFFALO LEAGUE CUP DETAILS:

SECTION "A"

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (Olleront 62nd)

SPRINGVALE CITY: Clayton 8 — Large 5, Lytton 8, Malt 6, Luca 7 — Garvey 6, Bannon 8, Bentley 7, Greener 6 — Nelson 7, Bell 6. Coach Ian Greener 5 CROYDON CITY: Whiteside 6 — Brown 7, O'Reilly 7, Singleton 7, Tansey 6 — Livingstone 7, Brewerton 6, Taylor 7, McDonald 7 — French 7, Olleront 7. Coach Peter Olleront.

ALBION ROVERS 0 NORTHCOTE 1

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NORTHCOTE: Gianopoulos 7 — Patiniotis 7, Bozikis 7, Cutler 7, Kouremos 7 — Tora 7, J. Constantino 7, Bekaris 7 — Diamantopoulos 6, Constantino 7, Filippis (inj). Staladias 15th, 5. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgolos.

SECTION "B"

THOMASTOWN 1 (Beller 50th) ST. ALBANS DINAMO 0

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 8 — Carfora 7, Aceski 7 (Pianalto 67th), Cosenzino 8, N. Constantino 7 — Watters 7, Dimartino 7, Franchesi 6, Salvatore 6 — Bell 8, Lakin 7. Coach: Joe Wilson.

ST. ALBANS DINAMO: Grgic 8 — KUZMAN 7 — Stastnic 8, Pavlovic 7, Dezic 7 — Loncar 7, Morovic 6, Culina 7. Coach: Joe Spiljar.

KNOX CITY 1 (Kojic 69th) WESTERN SUBURBS 0

KNOX CITY: Brian 9 — Aristodemou 7, Tunstall 7, Byrne 6, Roddis 8 — Murray 5 (Stoffels H.T. 5) Lucio Said 7, Owen 6 — Kojic 7, Tate 6, Hawthorn 6 (Dido 85th). Coach Duncan Smith.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 7 — Kagleoglou 6, Esposito 6, Musell 7, Leekas 6 — Dimovski 6, Kakantonis 7, Hamill 7 — Dillett 6 (Condittis 60th), K. Coyle 6, Meletis 6. Coach: Jimmy Condittis.

SECTION "C"

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Thomastown..... 2 0 0 2 0 4

Foster Pines..... 1 0 0 1 0 2

Knox..... 1 0 1 1 1 2

Dinamo..... 0 0 1 1 0 0

W. Suburbs..... 0 0 2 0 2 0

Springvale..... 0 1 1 1 2 1

SECTION "D"

Northcote..... 1 0 1 3 2 3

Croydon..... 1 0 0 1 0 2

Knox..... 1 0 1 1 1 2

Dinamo..... 0 0 1 1 0 0

W. Suburbs..... 0 0 2 0 2 0

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SECTION "E"

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CROOK BACK, HARWOOD 'ROBS' BEograd

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Price 53rd), **CROATIA 1** (Key 7th). Referee: Tony Martel 8. Second game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 9; Hiern 7; Brown 7; Honeyman 8; McGregor 7; Atsalas 8; Manou 9; Stamatopoulos 7; Stefanopoulos 8; Konstandopoulos 8 (Papadopoulos 74th); Price 8; Coach: Neil McGahey.

CROATIA: Sliklich 8; Hutchins 7; Paleka 6; Mamic 8; Bridges 8; Gallina 7; Morwe 8; Slager 6 (Griffith 5, Key 8); Timar 8; Blute 7; Coach: Jack Bradwock.

Former Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook made a glorious comeback in this game – a return after 12-months lay-off – which reads like a chapter from "Boys Own Annual".

Crook was called into the West Adelaide Hellas team to replace last year's first choice goalkeeper Gary Sproul, who was suffering from a poisoned foot.

But this was no gamble by coach Neil

S.A. Ampol Cup by ALLAN CRISP

McGachey as Crook turned back the clock to restore his best goalkeeping skills.

Rothmans League champion Croatia brought ex-Para Hills player Dino Gallina in for the suspended Alby Reicher and had Robert Slager in the start in place of John Klein.

Hellas had a pre-match set-back when it was unable to field its new signing Alan Scott because his club Azzurri took out an injunction claiming that the striker was not correctly registered.

However, that problem was temporarily shelved when former Croatian striker Gary Price opened West's account after only five minutes.

Croatia was on level terms two minutes on when Chris Kek, formerly of Hellas and Para Hills, scored his second goal of the series.

Midfielder Steve Atsalas restored West's

lead with the goal of the game when he cleverly chipped Damien Sliklich as the Croatia goalkeeper came off his line.

With Graham Honeyman marshalling the back four, Chris Manou in dominant form in the midfield and Crook performing his goalkeeping magic, Hellas cemented the win with a second half goal by young George Konstandopoulos.

SALISBURY UNITED 2 (Williams 5th, Harwood 76th) **BEograd 1** (Arezina 4th). Referee: Frank Crupi 7. First game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

SALISBURY UNITED: Ostendorf 8; Lathan 7 (Batten 53rd); Higgins 8; Harwood 8; Haig 7; Boyle 7; Mullen 7; Gray 8; Williams 8; McNally 7 (Gasperetto 53rd); Bell 7; Coach: Ian Sim.

BEograd: Flecknoe 8 (Gale 41st, 7); Kalinovic 7 (Evans 49th, 6); Jovanovic 7; Hancar 7; Miller 7 (Douglas 34th) 6; Welsh 7; Greaves 8; Ruzmir 8; Arezina 7; Toland 7; Preston 7; Coach: Uros Zivkovic.

This was Salisbury United's first Ampol

Cup success and it was laced with irony.

Before the kick-off, Beograd manager Zoran Matic presented Chris Harwood with a gift to commemorate his nine years service with the Woodville West club.

It was Harwood who "robbed" Beograd of a point by scoring the winner for his new club Salisbury four minutes from the final whistle.

Beograd blasted off to a flying start when captain Djuro Arezina scored in the fourth minute.

The Berries had two hard luck stories when Steve McNally crashed a Kevin Boyle cross against the near post before Harry Bell was brought down inside the box only to have his claims for a penalty ignored by referee Frank Crupi.

Harwood's successful header from a corner shovved Salisbury above Beograd on the Group B table with Birkdale as its final minor round opponent and a chance of semi-final participation.



Martyn Crook

NSW mini Ampol Cup

NW Mini Ampol Cup details: Round 2, Saturday, February 23; Melita Stadium: 3pm Melita – Canterbury, 4.30 Urugayan Auburn – Avondale.

Canterbury Park: 3.00 Narabeen – Surferland 4.30 Manly – Banksman National.

Choppy Park: 3.00 Polonia – Fair Meadow 4.30 Ku-Ring-Gai – Redfern.

Round One results:

CANTERBURY 1 (Dounie)

BANKSTOWN 1

CANTERBURY: El Zain, – Karim, – Majeed, – Etibar, – Hamed, – Mikovic, – Anagnosopoulos, Ortega, – Bleson, Dounie, Kalopera.

BANKSTOWN: (unavailable)

POLONIA 1 (Mahameh) **NARA-BEECH:** (unavailable)

POLONIA: S. Anderson, A. Collaco, Lasek, Hallhead, Cieslik, – D. Collaco, Prodana, Kuzmanovic, – C. Vujnovic, – Lantini, Janic, Mahameh.

NARABEEN: P. Deen, – Parfitt, Collins, Watt, Gaskin, – Earl (Griffith), Mihaljevic, (Lowe), Gale, Akourousi, – McDonald, Van Halem.

MELITA EAGLES 3 (Laling, Allan 2) **URUGAYAN AUBURN 2** (O'Shaughnessy, Pearson).

MELITA: Gibson, – McCoy, G. Sterry (Barrie), Wilson, O'Rourke, – Williams, Leling, Allan, – Vial, Walker, Honerman.

URUGAYAN AUBURN: Rose, – Fernandes, J. Planinic, Johnstone, Jones, – Cube, Palme, G. Fernandes, – Alberto, O'Shaughnessy, – Avala 2 MANLY 1

SUTHERLAND 0 **KU-RING-GIA** 0

SUTHERLAND: Dert, Terry, Nelson, Cox, Heftord, – Tasker, Groome, Harrington, Rogers, – Gray, Laronde.

FAIR MEADOW 0 **ROCKDALE 0** **ILINDEN 2** (Brown, Naskevici).

FAIR MEADOW: Young, White, Morando, – Suttor, – (Bredel), – Lomax, – Learmonth, Piel, Gerald, – Baker, Mowbray, Fontana.

ILINDEN: Velko, Blackburn, Nikolovski, D. Wilson, Forester, Youseph, Nastevski, Slaveki, – Brown, Campanella, (Batten), Faragon.

Standing: GROUP A: Melita 3, 2; Avala 2-1, 2; Canterbury 1-1, 1; Bankstown Nat. 1-1, 1; Manly Warringah 1-2, 0; Urugayan Auburn 2-3, 0.

GROUP B: Rockdale Ilinden 2-0, 2; Polonia 1-0, 2; Sutherland 0-0, 1; Ku-Ring-Gai 0-0, 1; Narabeen 0-1, 0; Fair Meadow 0-0, 2.

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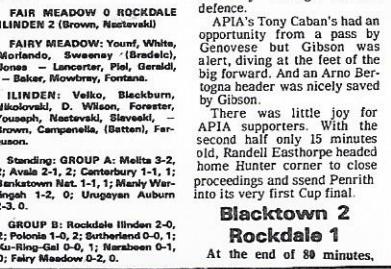
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BLACKTOWN v. PENRITH



NSW AMPOL CUP

BY ALEX VESIC



Blacktown City – qualified for Sunday's final against Penrith at St George Stadium

QUARTER FINALS

PENRITH 1 (Shute) MELITA 0

PENRITH: Gibson, – Brogan, McIntosh, Nix, Cross, – Ainsworth, Toohey Easthorpe, Hale, – Hunter, Shute, – Horzamabal, Knight, Tomthwaite, – Bradley, Larkin (Shaw 56th), O'Connor

MELITA: Griffin, – McPherson, O'Rourke, Wilson, McCoy, – McAusland, Laing, Allan, – McKie, Walker, Vial

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Referee's ruling stuns experts!

By
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Soccer referees are usually a loyal lot, and rarely criticize a fellow referee, no matter what the transgression.

But most leading Australian referees admitted they were horrified at some of the decisions of Papua New Guinea referee Ian Moule.

Moule, Australian-born, had control of the New Zealand-Taiwan match.

Early in the second half — with the score 2-1 to New Zealand — Moule made what one leading Australian referee said was the "worst mistake he had seen in international soccer."

The scenario was this: Taiwan was awarded a goal-kick after a failed New Zealand attack.

One of the Taiwanese players, striker Lai Kuan-Chou, positioned himself some 25 metres inside the Kiwi half, alone and unmarked with the New Zealand defenders lined up on the half-way line.

Taiwanese keeper Hsu Wen-Fong used the stiff breeze to advantage and launched a tremendous goal-kick over the Kiwi defenders to Lai Kuan-Chou, at which time the Kiwi defenders appealed in unison for off-side.

The only trouble is, in soccer there is no off-side at a goal-kick, something the New Zealand players obviously didn't know — much to their shame.

But neither, obviously, did Referee Moule.

While the linesman, Australia's Tim Davies, kept his flag

down and signalled to play on, Mr Moule whistled for off-side.

The decision was greeted with great surprise by referees and fans, and also drew a stunned reaction from the mudin contingent.

"It was one of the worst decisions I've seen at any level of international soccer," said one leading Sydney referee.

Mr Moule later said he had awarded a free-kick because "it wasn't a goal-kick, but was a clearance by the goalkeeper."

In that case, he would have been correct.

But referees watching from the stand, and match linesman Tim Davies, confirmed the media view that it had been a goalkick.

Mr Moule also seemed to have missed another rule which was introduced last year by FIFA, the world soccer organisation.

That rule allowed for a free-kick awarded within the six metre goal area to be taken from any point within that half of the pitch.

However, when the Taiwanese and New Zealand players attempted to do just that, they were instructed by Mr Moule to return the ball to the original position.



• PNG Referee Ian Moule

Taiwan's 'keeper blows it!

New Zealand 4

The Kiwis looked less impressive than in their opening match against Australia.

New Zealand led 2-0 following some silly mistakes by the keeper. In the 14th he anticipated a cross and moved away from his line but Neil Cave took a shot at goal finding the net with ease. In the 23rd Hsu Wen-Fong decided to come away from his line to pick up a cross, but overestimated the strength of the cross which was anticipated well by Darren McClellan and it was 2-0.

Then came a sizzler by Lai Kuan-Chou in the 40th minute which left the Kiwi keeper helpless and the sides went into the break all square.

Taiwan showed a lot of courage during the opening 20 minutes of the second half but its ideal opportunity to equalise in the 65th was foiled by the referee (see story at left).

New Zealand managed to hold its own from then on and the further the match went the better it got. In the end it was just a matter of a tap-in for Barton in the 85th when he faced the keeper and after Graham Jones' in the dying seconds to show an easy win to New Zealand.

It could have been worse for Taiwan had Barton scored in the 76th and 87th, but he hit the side netting on both occasions. New Zealand's was a comfortable and deserved victory, but compliments must surely go to the tenacious Taiwan side. It lost the game but won many hearts, while New Zealand failed to win points with spectators with its tough, no-nonsense style of play.



• Lai Kuan-Chou of Taiwan, launches a shot past Israel sweeper Lior Rosenthal. Pictures by ALEX VESIC.

ISRAEL HELPED BY PNG GOALIE

Israel 6 Papua-NG 0

Israel had a light training workout against an inept and naive New Guinea team, scoring six and missing as many goals in the process.

The winning side showed not only some wonderful touches and good goals but a style which is typically European.

Yaron Cohen helped himself to a couple of goals to lead the goalscoring charts after two rounds with five, while Alson Nathan also scored two. And while most people at the ground stood in awe of the two youngsters and their ability to hit the net I could not help feeling that neither player is much better than the rest of this side.

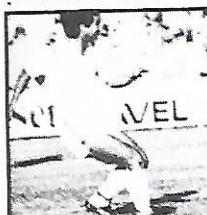
Since Cohen looks menacing and so does Nathan but let's not forget that goalkeeping of Kuznitski, the leadership of Rosenthal, and some great creative ideas by Gordon and Hazan.

If it sounds silly to suggest that Israel is having a bad time in the shooting department then so be it, but I am sure that Nathan and Cohen would love to have as many chances against Australia as they had against Papua New Guinea.

Cohen opened the scoring in the 7th minute, after the Papua New keeper decided to go without. Instead of keeping at the near post, Tutumang "anticipated" a cross by Cohen and moved to the far post and out of goal, leaving Cohen with the simplest of taps into an empty net.

Nine minutes later Cohen missed a sitter and in the 24th the same player side-footed over the bar from seven metres. Cohen missed again in the 44th after some good work by the Israeli team.

Cohen was not seen all that



• Israel goalkeeper Lavi Kuznitski makes the best save of the day to stop this shot by Taiwan's Yeh Ching-Tong (left).

COBRA COHEN!

Israel 3 Taiwan 1

Yaron Cohen, 18, plays in the Youth team of Betar Tel Aviv and although the club is quite impressed by his talent, he has not managed to get into the senior team even though Betar is near the bottom of the Israeli First Division.

He was sent on a cobra against Taiwan, scoring all the goals against a team that looked quick and slick at first but lacked the composure of the confident Israelis.

Israel got the perfect start when, after a cross to the far post, Nir Klinger slipped the ball back square, and Cohenoked past goalkeeper Hsu Wen-Fong for a 1-0 lead after only seven minutes.

Israeli goalkeeper Lavi Kuznitski preserved that lead in the 12th minute, by making a remarkable save from yeh Ching-Teng who was virtually next to the far post when he accepted Lai Kuan-Chou's square pass, leaving the way open. Nir Klinger's big shot was chopped down, and Lai Kuan-Chou took the penalty. Kuznitski saved, but referee Don Campbell gave Lai another shot, as Kuznitski had moved too early, and this time the result was a goal.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	2	0	0	1	4	
Australia	2	0	0	8	2	4
New Zealand	1	0	1	5	3	2
Fiji	1	0	1	6	7	2
Taiwan	0	0	2	2	7	0
Papua-N. Guinea	0	0	2	1	11	0

ROUND 3 — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

4.30pm New Zealand v Papua New Guinea

6.15pm Israel v Fiji

8.15pm Chinese Taipei v Australia

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ROUND 5 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

11.15am Chinese Taipei v Papua New Guinea

1.00pm to 4.15pm Ampol Cup Finals

4.30pm Fiji v New Zealand

6.15pm Australia v Israel

ROUND ONE

Fiji 5 (Hoyt 29th & 58th, Deema 12th, Evans 50th, Delana 75th) PAPUA-NEW GUINEA 1 (Lavington 85th). Referee: Lennox Sharp (NZ) 8.

Fiji 1 Star Kumar 6 — Asan Shah 6 — Sami Vuett 6, Semesi Tokailagi 6, Mariano Neman 6, Egiel Deama 7 (Victor Lagi 73rd) — Aliyub Khan 6, Rova Ranakalou 6, Ivor Evans 9 (inj sub Ravamu Madigi 76th) — Isikeli Delana 8, James Hoyt 8, Coach: Billy Singly.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA: John Tutumang 3 — Calisto Miserio 4, Pomaia 4, Koole Papai 4, Joe Moi 4 — David Lavington 6, Ray Naso 6, Denai Bausa 6 (Steve Kabana 62nd) — Steve Banano 6, Pahun Simosi 5, Steve Mune 6 (inj sub Paul Tom 54th) Coach: Hans Rademacher.

ISRAEL 3 (Cohen 7th, 49th & 60th) TAIWAN 1 (Lei Kuan-Chou penalty 85th). Referee: Don Campbell 8.

ISRAEL: Lavi Kuznitski 8 — Moshe Mostrel 6, Lior Rosenthal 7, Lavi Haim 7, Eitan Levi 7 — Itzhak Guetta 6, Nir Klinger 6 (Yaron Gasali 75th), Alson Nathan 8 — Alon Hazan 7, Yaron Cohen 9, Zvi Gordon 7 (Moshe Eisenberg 81st) Coach: Yosef Merimovich.

TAIWAN: Hsu Wen-Fong 7 — Lin Ching-Lung 5, Pan Kuang-Liang 4 (Cheng Yao-Chuan 68th), Chang Chun-Kwei 6, Yang Fu-Hsiang 7 — Tseu Tsu Hung 7, Mu Chin-Chung 6, Lee Wen-Tsai 6 — Chien-Yi Hsu 5 (Chen Tao-Lung 4, half time), Lai Kuan-Chou 6, Yeh Ching-Tong 6 Coach: Chen Chin-Fa

AUSTRALIA 2 (Panagis 67th, Kalantzis 85th) NEW ZEALAND 1 (Cave pen 30th). Referee: Tilinger Yair (Israel 57th).

AUSTRALIA: Paul Jones 6 — Robert Hooker 7, Andrew Bernal 7, Alex Tobin 4 (Mike McLennan 60th), John Gregson 6 — Sami Ianham 5, Alex Bundale 6, Peter Petkovski 6, John Panagis 7 — Lou Hristodoulou 7, Chris Kalantzis 7, Coach: Mike Fullen 7.

NEW ZEALAND: Dave White 6 — Mike Fullen 7, Shane Clapperton 7, Mike Irving 6, Lee Green 6 — Paul Olsthoorn 8, Paul Probert 7, Stuart Jacobs 4 — Doug McClellan 8, Neil Cave 7, Phil Barton 5 (Mark Cossey 70th) Coach Doug Moore

ROUND TWO

ISRAEL 6 (Cohen 7th & 83rd, Nathan 29th pen, 59th Izenberg 74th, Hassan 81st) PAPUA NEW GUINEA 0. Referee: M. Sime (Fiji) 7.

ISRAEL: M. Sime 8 — Mostrel 7, Rosenthal 8, Levi 7, Haim 7 — Guetta 7, Gorin 7, Klinger 7 (Izenberg 55th — 7), Nathan 8, Cohen 8 — Gordon 7 (Gardens 81st).

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA: Tutumang 5, — Miserio 6, Pepi 6, Papai 6, Mot 5, Tore 6, Banano 5 (Naso 85), Tom 6 (Lavington 58), Kabana 6 — Simosi 5, Mune 5.

NEW ZEALAND 4 (Cave 14th, McClellan 32nd, Barton 84th, Jones 90th), TAIWAN 1 (Lai Kuan-Chou 40th). Referee: Ian Moule (PNG) 5.

NEW ZEALAND: White 8, Green 7, Irving 8, Fullon 8, Osthorn 7, Jacobs 6 (Cossey 81st), Edwards 6 — Doug McClellan 8, Neil Cave 7 (Barton 68th), McLennan 7, Edward 6 (Jones 85th).

TAIWAN: Hsu Wen-Fong 5, Tu Sung-Hai 7, Chang Chun-Kwei 7, Pan Kuang-Liang 7 (30th Yang Po-Hsiang 7), Lee Wen-Tsai 7, Lin Ching-Lung 7, Chang Yao-Chuan 6, Mu Chin-Chung 6, Huang Tai-Sheng 7, (Chien Yi-Hsu 72nd), Yeh Ching-Tong 6, Lai Kuan-Chou 6

AUSTRALIA 6 (Kalantzis 21st & 72nd, Hristodoulou 37th & 72nd, Panagis 49th, Ingham 62nd) FIJI 1 (Evans pen 57th). Referee: Chen Ming-Chen (Taiwan) 8.

AUSTRALIA: Jones 7 — Hooker 6, Bernal 8, McLennan 7, Gregson 6, Bundalo 9 (Sharpe 81st), Petkovski 8 (Bassingthwaite 8), Panagis 7 — Ingham 6, Hristodoulou 8, Kalantzis 8.

FIJI: Andrews 5, Samiseri 5, Shah 6, Tokallagi 6, Ratukalou 6, Evans 8, Delana 6 (66th Khan), Nemani 6, Simon 6, Hoyt 6, Deema 5.

They also missed a penalty

Fiji 5 Papua-NG 1

Fiji midfielder Ivor Evans put on a show of masterly skill accentuated by mazy, dribbling runs past countless opponents and a succession of unselfish passes which drained poor Papua-New Guinea of all of its confidence.

Fiji adopted a five-man defence, with a sweeper behind a four-man wall. Obviously this was intended for the stronger opponents, and the first match was a good opportunity in which to try it out.

Apart from scoring five goals, Fiji also wasted a penalty when centre back Samesi Tokallagi hit the crossbar!

A feature of Fiji's play was the unselfishness of its forwards who, even when they easily could have scored themselves, opted for the square pass instead.

PNG keeper Tutumang also helped Fiji. At 2-0 Evans launched a low shot which caught Tutumang with his legs open. He grasped the ball as it went between his legs, and must have felt embarrassed as hell when the sordid scene was changed to read 3-0.

Fiji goalkeeper Kumar hurt his arm in cleaning the ball soon afterwards. He saw out the rest of the match, but the injury was to prevent him from playing against Australia.

Tutumang had another shot put between his legs, this time by Delana in the 75th minute.

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What loomed like a possibility from the start is now almost a certainty: the tournament's last match between Australian and Israel will decide the winner of this World Youth Cup Series.

On Sunday, a vastly improved Australia hit the wild men of Fiji for six to share the lead with Israel after two rounds.

It was bordering on the miraculous that none of the Australians suffered any serious injuries — like severed heads or limbs!

The way the Fijians hacked at everything that moved gave the crowd an unwanted 90 minutes of thrill.

However, it all started two days earlier, with Round One, after most of the media had pointedly ignored the game, relegating soccer below the level of water polo and volleyball.

Just as the 200 or 300 early spectators were trying to whip themselves into a state of enthusiasm for the first match, the sleek Concorde took off from the nearby airport. Then, without fanfares, drums or cymbals, Fiji and Papua New Guinea took the sun-drenched field.

Fiji's big win didn't surprise too many. It was evident early in the piece that soccer has not yet entered the genes and bloodstreams of PNG people. Cameroon can and PNG can't, for a lot of different reasons. The Africans were tutored by their departed colonial masters while the PNG have been unlucky to receive the attention of some charlatan coaches from Australasia. Maybe, left alone, they could have done better.

The second match was a more serious affair. Taiwan, clever and nimble, looked capable of testing

Relief for Shoulder as Panagis, Petkovski show Hawke and Reagan how it's done

tournament co-favourite Israel. But alas, the fragile, alabaster-skinned Chinese boys, well disciplined and glowl with good sportsmanship, folded in the second half. Only the sour remained of the sweet and sour.

Yaron Cohen, a long-haired high school student, helped himself to a big Chinese three-course banquet with a hat-trick, making several Hakoah officials cast covetous eyes on him.

The third game of this marathon was preceded by what must be referred to as the "opening ceremony," a typically Anzac casualuation of heroic beauty.

The six teams lined up to form a quadrangle and ASF chief Sir Arthur George stepped up to the mike to welcome them. Several times his brief, informal address was drowned out by jeers and boos, an almost traditional form of greeting reserved for him by Sydney's Greek fans. Only they may know the reason.

The "ceremony" out of the way, the Anzac partners took the field. New Zealand looked distressingly tall, strong and physical from the start. Hera was a team with all the characteristic British soccer virtues built on boys of British stock.

Australia, in sharp contrast, looked brittle. The heavy sprinkling of Continental flavor — Bernal, Bundalo, Panagis, Petkovski, Hristodolou and Kalantzis

— softened their outlook without making them look any more skilful.

The harsh penalty goal setback made the disarray in the Aussie defence even more apparent: the confused and frightened boys, Bernal excepted, were slamming and whacking the ball any old where. The only "tactics" seemed to be to kick Kalantzis with the long ball. And "Chris, Baby" did raise some pulsations with a few runs and crosses, priding himself on his ability to go into the void for local pinhead "Olym-pic" warchants.

The gloom of the grandstand was deepening: the Kiwis were set to seal the match and ruin, possibly beyond repair, our chances. There sat, in agonising silence, former youth team coach Leo Scheinfug, the man who used to do a lot better and current national team coach Frank Arok, the man who knows he could do better. Both were suffering, in different ways and for different reasons.

And there was Sir Arthur, flanked by Hakko vice-president Andrew Lederer and St George president Alex Pongras, getting an on-the-spot personal assessment of Jimmy Shoulder as a coach. Shoulder, in fact, was on everybody's mind, as he sat, slumped, near the sideline, heading towards his second ignominious fall in eight years.

Early in the second half the Kiwis created and blew

three big chances. God, as Sir Arthur later said, was definitely on our side, even if the Media wasn't. And you can't have everything. The annoyed and frustrated crowd started to hunt Coca-Cola cans at the Fijian linesmen but Mr Slingh stuck his ground stoically; Coke, after all, are the tournament sponsors and he felt it wouldn't be de rigueur to react to the barrage.

Then, suddenly, we slithered off the hook, shoulders straightened out and the funeral gloom evaporated. Panagis and Petkovski scored to win the match in almost miraculous fashion. The pale, almost sickly look on manager Mike Weinstein's face turned into a tired grin.

What a relief! Hawke and Ronald Reagan couldn't do more as accomplishments; we licked the stubborn New Zealanders. Now what about that Anzus Pact?

Australia's win against Fiji followed two fairly predictable early matches. Israel hardly deserved a sweet to beat Papua New Guinea 6-1.

In the second game, New Zealand took a long time to gain the upper hand over Taiwan.

The real fun came in the Australia v Fiji match which on paper at least promised to be a tame affair.

In the first few minutes Fijian Dulana almost ran amok, lashing out at everybody but earning only a caution for his troubles.

Then Evans took over from him, soon to be joined by Vuetti and Legi, seemingly determined to tear off or kick off at least a few Australians legs or arms.

It was rugby at its fiendish worst, so wild and unpredictable that several fans used to gridiron had to close their eyes occasionally.

Thankfully, the procession of Australian goals gradually calmed down the Fijians. All their later fouls were relatively minor actions.

Although the Australians were much more confident than on the first day, their big win had something to do with the comical display of Fiji goalscorer Johnny Andrews.

Australia would have won without Johnny's deeds, too — but at least he brought some light relief into a match which at times threatened to take us back into the Second Ice Age.

FLYING THE FLAG FOR A FAIR GO

Australia 2 N. Zealand 1

The World Youth Championships have produced two of Australia's finest results in international soccer — a 2-1 victory over the defending champion, Argentina, in 1981, and a 2-1 win over European champion Scotland in 1983.

These achievements are surpassed only by Australia's qualification for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany. By standing proudly among the elite of the world's most popular sport, the senior and youth Socceroos have thrown down the gauntlet to the forces of xenophobia which still hinder soccer's development in Australia.

Soccer does not get the same level of government funding as Australian Rules, for example, with the result that spectator facilities are inferior. Neither does soccer get the level of media support that its popularity among Australia's vast migrant population demands.

Most players who don the green and gold speak with concern of the wrongs done to soccer and the need to amplify the game's image. It's what Jimmy Mackay had in mind when he said in 1973, while holding up the boot with which he scored the goal that put the Socceroos into the World Cup finals: "This is for the kids of Australia."

Soccer's constant battle for greater recognition resumed in Sydney last Friday when Australia's under 19 team took on New Zealand in the opening match of the Oceania qualifying tournament for the World Youth Championships.

The players who had been to Holland, West Germany and Singapore in preparation for this series, it was the climax of dedicated effort. For coach Jim Stander, it had much to do with pride, for he well remembered the criticism aimed at him when, in 1977, his senior Socceroos bombed out of the World Cup.

Shoulder had taken the nucleus of this youth squad to the International Culture Cup in Dortmund and the Eindhoven under 20 tournament in Holland, as well as the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

When the chips were down and defeat was staring them in the face, the camaraderie and the steely resolve which were developed on those trips enabled the Australians to mount a determined fight-back, resulting in Peter Petkovski's winning goal five minutes from the end.

It takes character to achieve results like that.

And character it was that brought about a victory over a New Zealand side which, in the words of journalists who accompanied the Kiwis, never had played so well.

Yet one didn't help but feel that these young Socceroos lacked the class of the 1981 squad that reached the quarter-finals, and perhaps the 1983 squad that beat Scotland and drew with Mexico.

Chris Kalantzis, voted player of the match, was the only player who offered something special. The rest were thorough as a team without sparkling as individuals.

New Zealand appeared to have an advantage in height, but it opened cautiously, with Paul Probert, one of the team's stars and also a potential goalscorer, camped very deep as a defensive midfielder.

Paul Olsterhoorn, ostensibly playing in midfield, also spent much of his time at the back.

Australia lined up without giant defender Aki Kotzamichalis of Melbourne Croatia, who had failed to recover from a knee injury, and SM-Hellas midfielder John Kanekoulos who was on the bench.

"I feel like punching the wall," Kotzamichalis said before the game.

"Something went behind my knee and although I've been exercising and swimming a lot, I can't kick the ball. If Alex Tobin does well in my place, I might not get back."

As it turned out, Tobin played poorly and was replaced in the second half by Mike McLellan in a move which had the effect of settling the defence, and containing New Zealand's speedy raider, Stuart Jacobs.

Shane Clapperton marked Lou Hristodolou and Mike Irving was on Kalantzis as the game kicked off, but New Zealand was giving acres of room to Sian Ingham, Australia's right midfielder who could have — an should have — stretched up the game in the first half.

In the 9th minute, Ingham latched onto the ball inside the area and blasted it over the bar. Shortly afterwards, his header was touched over by goalkeeper Dave White, and then, on a square pass from Kalantzis and from an unmarked position close to goal, he miskicked, allowing Clapperton to clear off the line.

Clapperton thus emulated Robert Hooker, who, at the other end of the ground, had cleared off the line astroturf from Olsterhoorn that had beaten keeper Paul Jones.

John Gregson brought down New Zealand striker Darren McClellan who shot to score and Neil Cave scored from the spot, and then, like a man inspired, McClellan started to terrorise the Australian defence which must still be thanking Lady Luck.

McClellan and Cave resumed their bombardment after half time and between them could have scored three in a minute.

Australia, however, was now benefiting from a strong wind blowing towards New Zealand's goal.

The equaliser came in the 67th minute. Alex Bundalo crossed into the middle where John Panagis connected with his head, sending the ball looping over White who was caught a little too far out.

Speedy Hristodolou, who had worried the Kiwi defenders without however managing to score, broke away in the 72nd minute and cut the ball back for Panagis who shot too high. Hristodolou also delivered a thoughtful side-pass to the far post for Ingham, but the move didn't come off nearly as well as Hristodolou's pass to Petkovski who scored the winner in the 85th minute to chants of "St George, St George," from the crowd. Petkovski of course, plays for St George, the club which owns St. George Stadium.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Fijians KO'd by their own knuckle

Australia 6

Fiji 1

Some of the five players booked should have been sent off but the referee showed the mercy of a nun.

Fiji showed scant regard for its opponents as it continually kicked, whinged and misbehaved before a vocal crowd.

Referee Ming Chen did not see an incident off the ball when a Fijian came from behind an Australian Palyer to floor him with a right hook to the face.

He also did not see some fancy footwork by a number of Fijians behind Play. Most of the Fijians cared little for the decisions handed down by the referee, kicking the ball away in disgust and howling their disapproval almost every time Australia had a free kick.

At one stage we had an injured Fijian lying near the bye-line. The referee asked for him to be removed from the field of play, which he was, but only after some arguments. As the referee prepared to give the signal for play to continue, the injured player who had been motionless, suddenly came to life and rolled over the bye-line and into play. He was removed for the second time but made yet another attempt to jump over the line!

It was just pure crazy! Childish. Some of the antics had not been seen outside the local Kindergarten.

Fiji, banned from playing at home by FIFA for one year after an incident during a Fiji — New Zealand encounter, came close to getting yet another slap in the face by the world football organisation.

Yves they had some fine players on show, none better than Ivor Evans, the man who was brought down in the 57th minute after beating no less than four Australians, then scored from the ensuing penalty.

Had Fiji attempted to play soccer rather than brawl I am sure that the result would be in line with the attitude, positive, not that I am suggesting that Fiji would have won. Its defence is too disorganized for that, but they might have scored a goal or two more themselves and put more pressure on the home team.

For Australia, despite the troubles of the first period, Kalantzis, Bundalo and Hristodolou had fine games with Bernal, Petkovski and Panagis playing solid support role.

Chris Kalantzis was Australia's first scorer. On the 10th minute Kalantzis sidefooted a cross by Hooker wide of goalkeepr Johnny Andrews to make it 1-0. Kalantzis attempted to latch onto yet another cross by Hooker but the keeper got to the ball sooner only to drop it at the feet of Hristodolou who scored to send Australia in the lead at the break with goals.

Facing a strong breeze in the second half, Australia should have been made to struggle but the Fijians ran out of steam and were humbled.

Peter Petkovski intercepted a Fijian move and sent Alex Bundalo forward with a great through ball. As the Fijians converged on Bundalo, the Wollongong midfielder sent a curling cross the far post for John Panagis to head home 3-0.

Then came the fine run by Evans and the penalty goal which gave Fiji a semblance of a chance for a very brief moment.

Five minutes later Kalantzis was back at his best. He "volled" a Fijian fullback before crossing to the far post. Andrews, the Fijian keeper, made a desperate attempt to parry the cross and it fell to the feet of Sian Ingham who surprised by hitting a fine shot under the crossbar for 4-1.

Bundalo pierced the defence with a fine pass which left Hristodolou with one player to beat. The Aussie youngster did it with ease, sending a left-footer wide of Andrews for 5-1.

Hristodolou tried for a hat-trick in the 78th but Andrews parried the shot only to see Kalantzis pick up the rebound to score for 6-1.

Hristodolou had yet another chance after he raced through to face Andrews from a pass by Kalantzis, but his lob hit the post and bounced out!

ALEX VESIC



Peter Scott

Almost hidden from view among the Journeyman on Parade when Fiji thrashed Papua New Guinea 5-1, was a young man of gem-like quality.

He bobbed up here, there and everywhere as midfield-cum-striker for the winners, slotting home two marvellous goals and generally drove the PNG defenders quietly insane.

From the 15th minute everyone's eyes were on Ivor Evans, as he displayed some immaculate skills.

And, would you believe it, this 17-year-old has been playing competitive soccer for only one year, the match against PNG marking his representative debut.

The son of a Fijian mother and immigrant English father lived on an outer island of the archipelago until last year, where "nobody knew what football was."

Like all young boys the world over, who get their pleasure out of kicking a round ball about, Ivor has dreams.

"I want to play for my country in the senior World Cup, later perhaps trying my luck in New Zealand or Australia — and maybe, maybe?" he mused.

But, before such great ventures, Ivor has some more everyday problems to overcome. He left school at the end of last year and is still unemployed.

His very modest ambition is to get a position as an apprentice fitter and turner, but finding jobs in Fiji is no easy task.

As for the immediate task of facing the challenges of the Youth World Cup qualifiers, Ivor Evans bubbled over with confidence and bravado after bulldozing PNG.

"I know everyone expected us to finish near the bottom, but when we will win more than just the one match.

"Ivi will be the big surprise of this tournament!"

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Forget jargon, simplicity is the key



TIM WHITE

Victorian coaching director

"I agree that the jargon can border on the ridiculous. I think you find that it is the amateurs who go strong on the jargon. Really, I understand most of it of course but you wouldn't catch me telling a kid to use peripheral vision. What I might say is: 'Keep your blinking eyes open!'"

So said Jack Charlton, now manager of Newcastle United, on the subject of overuse of coaching terminology, on the practical side of the game, is a problem.

Unfortunately coaching courses generally get the blame because of course the terminology is used on the courses.

The reason coaches are made aware of the terminology is so they understand what the author means when next they read a coaching book.

However coaches are then shown how the message can be put across to players by talking in a language which players understand.

"Soccerspeak", as Bill Shankly called it has crept over the game like fungus over the past two decades.

It is possible, as Shankly said, "to stand on some suburban park and have a perspiring Swengali of the neighborhood side team running from one end: 'Drop of him,' — 'Mark space,' — 'Run on the blind side,' — 'Don't ball-watch,' — 'Let's have some peripheral vision.'"

"Almost invariably the kids come off the park flushed and confused. They ache for the relative simplicities of geometric angles, algebraic formulae, and the odd French verb."

There can be no serious argument with a terminology which adapts itself to the different trends of the game.

However the use of specific instructions using simpler terminology is an art which can be practised. It is much more effective in conveying a message to players.

Bill Shankly growls at the memory of the coach of a London arm who shouted to his shell-shocked players at Anfield — "Apply my principles — apply the principles!"

"I thought," said Shanks, "they had their own secret code. I turned to Bob Paisley and said 'Jesus, Bob, we're in trouble now. They're going to apply the principles...'"

Francis Lee, former England international, once wrote that coaching is crucial to a modern team. Tactics have evolved, teams are organised. The danger is that "coaches run away with themselves, get so up in the sky that they lose touch with the layers."

"That is the big danger," he said.

The former head of coaching in England, Allan Wade, acknowledged that "Jargon is the refuge of the insecure."

It been my experience that staff coaches leaving a coaching course do not leave with the idea that all he has to do is parrot a series of phrases.

In the end content always will outstrip the quality of the language in which it is dressed.

15,931 COACHES

Although only 240 soccer coaches have qualified under the national coaching accreditation scheme, soccer actually has a total of 15,931 coaches.

So says the national coaching director, Eric Worthington, in response to a recent soccer article which headed "Soccer lags in coaching."

He said the national coaching council had an accreditation scheme broken into two sections — general principles & sports specific (different each sport).

The council's model for specific was supplied by Eric, he said.

Worthington said soccer coaches were refusing to do national courses until lectures were found who have a knowledge or understanding of them.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

FIFA suspends Turner

Former South Melbourne Hellas mid-fielder and key figure in the New Zealand national team, Grant Turner has been suspended for three internationals by FIFA.

The suspension arises from incidents during the

Fiji v New Zealand games last October. Although FIFA does not elaborate upon the reasons for their action, Fijian players and officials accused Turner of making "racist slurs" which provoked violence throughout the two matches.

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Joe Watson — Sydney City Hakoah and Australia

Soccer's Peter Pan: that's Joe

By TED SIMMONS

"Fancy being picked for your first international tour at the ripe old age of 31!"

The amazement still echoes in the voice of Joe Watson, the Soccerroo "Peter Pan" whose skill and durability were put to the test before the hardened football supporters in England during the Soccerroos' world tour.

Watson relished his role as a creative midfielder and has probably been playing the best football of his career.

The first team place for Jinky Joe was a marvellous tribute to a man whose future in the sport was almost wiped out by a spinal operation 12 years ago.

"I was holding a regular first team place with Dundee United in Scotland by the time I was 19 but developed a spinal growth," said Watson.

"The doctors who operated to remove the growth suggested it would be unwise to play football again because of the effect it could have on my back."

"Sydney City had contacted me before

the operation but plane fell through when they were told it was unlikely I would play again."

"However I wanted to get back into the game and linked up with Forfar Athletic for a season which resulted in Sydney City making another offer to join them in Australia."

Watson, who was born in Leven, on the east coast of Scotland, had planned to get married while he was with Dundee, but that also fell through.

But nine months later, the couple met again and this led to the marriage which has now lasted 12 years, with two children.

Watson quickly developed into a hero with Sydney City and his stylish wing play and ball artistry made him a marked man against all opposition.

His first real recognition as a Soccerroo match-winner came with his selection for the games against England in 1983, and was followed by the successful defence of the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

"If anyone had told me five years ago

that I would be picked at the age of 30 for a series of home internationals, I wouldn't have believed it," he said.

"This Soccerroo team is more exciting and competitive than any I have seen in Australia during the past decade, and has far greater skill."

"But it's wrong to call me a speedy winger. I have never been a fast player or had any real speed."

"Maybe I've lost some sharpness but that's inevitable as a person gets older."

Watson is as his best at close quarters and has built an enviable reputation as a specialist in free kicks.

"I practise dead ball kicks every week and it certainly helps at Sydney City when you can aim for big players like Steve O'Connor, Murray Barnes and Gerry Gomez," he said.

"These kicks are invaluable in the World Cup, where one scrambled goal may be all that is needed to win the match."

WEST BEST, SO SAYS ALAN VEST

Alan Vest is a man with a mission: to build up a structured NSW coaching system. For many years NSW has remained outside the mainstream of the national coaching scheme, being the only state without a director of coaching.

Last July that all changed, when Vest was brought back from "exile" in Western Australia to another country.

Vest aims to update the coaching system in NSW. "In the past there have been opposing factions that have been at each other's throats for differing reasons," Vest said.

"The net result was that there hasn't really been a co-ordinated, standardised, coaching policy."

Vest will spread his time between coaching coaches, players and teams, though he admits that probably his biggest challenge is producing coaches.

"We've just recently had a five-day live-in coaching camp — the first part of our four-stage coaching course," Vest said.

"I was very valuable because we had people such as Eddie Thompson, and Les Scott, who came along and talked to us coaches."

Vest said he realised that no course could be the be-all end-all of a coach's education.

"That's why we try to spend as much time going out into the field to watch them in action with their own teams."

"Here we can see what they've picked up and how they apply it," Vest said. He was keen to try to encourage more coaches and players from the country areas to attend courses.

"We're trying to get them to come to Sydney and also for us to get into the regional centres," he said.

Reflecting on Western Australia where he spent so much time, Vest said: "I reckon the standard of the WA State League is just about as good if not better than any state league in Australia."

"And the top four teams there would be able to hold their own in the NSW's middle regions."

"There are a lot of good

players, but unfortunately you never hear of them. Western Australia may as well be another country."

"It's depressing for the players there when they realise that either have to content themselves with what they've got ... or if they want to progress in the NSW and the national team, they've got to move east to either Sydney or Melbourne."

Vest said he was as worried as most coaches throughout the world that players were being encouraged to start playing too early an age.

"We put them in too early and that's why we don't get the same staying rate as a lot of other countries."

"We've got some competitions for under 8 and so on ... that's far too early."

"We shouldn't really be getting them in competitions until about 12."

He said in Brazil the clubs couldn't even look at a player until he was in his early teens.

"Players should be encouraged to develop basic skills first ... to appreciate the joy and fun of the game."

"I'm glad to say that some associations are now organising teams only for players around the nine year mark, but we could do with a little more restraint and move that to 11 or so," he said.

"It's part of their education in the game."

Vest said there was an enormous amount of talent in Australia around the 15 to 18 age group.

He said it was one of the great tragedies of the code here that a great percentage of the players either dropped out of the game or failed to live up to early expectations.

"Part of the reason is that we expect them — at the age of 17 or so — to be ready for the rigors of either State League — or worse — the National League," he said.

By STEPHEN DETTRE

The main worry of most associations seems to be that unless they can get the players early they'll go to another sport.

Alan Vest is unperturbed.

"We should be after quality, not quantity."

"And I'd rather that a player goes all the way through from an under 12 into a senior competition than starting at 15 and then quitting by 17 or 18 after a career of 13 years."

He said FIFA's new Under 16 World Cup was probably a good idea to foster the game, but he said it was important that players at that age be made aware they were still learning and had a long way to go.

"They've got to be told that, okay, it's great to play at a youth world cup, but that doesn't make them complete footballers."

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Now Bangu has the will to win

• A wealthy soccer fan died and left a fortune estimated to be about \$184 million to his favorite team, the small Bangu Club of Rio de Janeiro.

The inheritance includes real estate, cash, stocks, oil paintings and other assets that will take at least six months to assess.

The benefactor was Luiz Osvaldo Teixeira Da Silva, an engineer and mathematics professor who died on December 21, 1984. When Silva's will was opened it revealed he had left 40 per cent of a personal fortune estimated at \$442 million to the Bangu club.

"Silva was an investment genius," his lawyer Humberto Gazzzi said. "On his professor's salary he made a fortune in the stock market, and then kept multiplying it through investments."

"Silva was unmarried and childless," Gazzzi said. "He had no natural heirs. His one passion was Bangu."

The lawyer added that the will was uncontested, and the money would be delivered to the club as soon as an assessment of the estate was completed.

The windfall is expected to mean a dramatic change for Bangu, a neighborhood athletic club in an industrial suburb of Rio de Janeiro.

Bangu won the Rio state soccer championships in 1986, but then sank into the cellar of the league. In recent years the club has not won a major tournament.



Canberra players and hostesses show off the new Canberra strip displaying the name of the club's major sponsor, James Hardie. From left: Peter Burke, Sonia Misic, Roy Jones, Julie Marks and Terry Byrne.

Gooney returns

Rajko Curcija has been re-appointed coach of Eltham and his assistant is former star player Les Gooney, who returns after a spell with Fawkner.

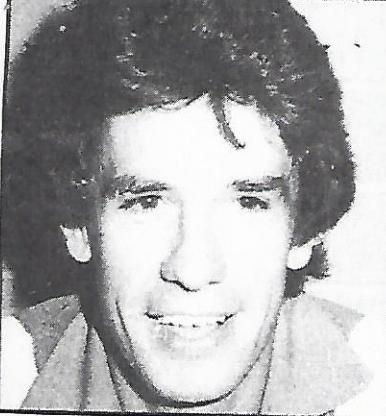
Gooney's playing career was cut short by a serious knee injury but he should prove to be a valuable acquisition to Eltham in its 1985 campaign.

Training sessions started at the North Eltham ground in Wattle Tree Road on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm. The club is on the lookout for players in several positions and any interested players can contact Curcija on 434 4346 at home or on 439 9222 at the club.

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West Adelaide Hellas coach Neil McGachey

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Heidelberg for title, Cotton is all class

Roy Cotton's back at his old club St George. That must rate as one of the best buys of the season.

Having played with Roy at St George in 1978 and 1979 and at Olympic in 1981, I've got a ton of respect for him.



He's very intelligent, really skilful and has a keen eye for goal — everything that a great all-round striker needs.

Which isn't surprising, for anyone who gets selected to play for the England youths, like Roy did, must have what it takes.

Olympic certainly could use a player of his calibre, in fact it still puzzles me why we let him go.

He'll certainly strengthen St George and he should be one of the top scorers in the NSL this year. At 28, he's still got a good few years left in him.

Murray listed at \$8,000

• Sydney City Hakoah has transfer listed winger Willie Murray (pictured) at \$8,000.

Murray is a former Hearts of Midlothian player and is a tricky, skilful, goalscorer whose experience and ability shouldn't see him sidelined for long.

played in the 1981 and 1983 lot of versatility and quality.

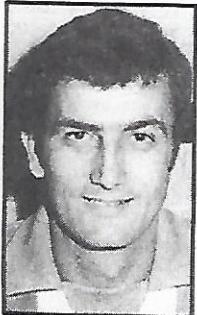
Even though Israel and New Zealand look like giving us tough opposition, I'm very confident that our youngsters can clinch a hat-trick of finals appearances.

His experience in midfield, alongside Theo Semelidis, Mike Valentine and either Steve Tasios or John Metaxas (two youngsters who really impress me) will be the driving force behind the side this season.

Up front, Stevie Winn, Scott Patterson and Stewart Stevenson are fighting for two spots in the starting line-up. They all can score goals and with Charlie Yankos and Jeff Oliver at the back, the Heidelberg defence is going to be tough to crack.

Let's be brave and make an early prediction — Heidelberg for the National Conference championship!

Psychology, diet and keeping the wives happy

Nick Pantelis —
teaching attacking
skills

... that's enlightened approach of Westad coach Neil McGachey

Interview by
GEORGE KALOGEROPOULOS

psychology. I've got a degree in psychology and I believe a great deal in intrinsic motivation, which is self-motivation.

We've spoken a great deal to individual players about what their goals are over a six-week period of time and we continually meet those players on a six-week regular basis, giving them goals that they've got to achieve.

As regards having a psychological club, I believe it's a concept that will be introduced. I believe it's got to come but at this stage, it's not my prerequisite for the 1985 season.

It's part of the game that's been overlooked for a long, long time. The Americans are doing a great deal of psychology in sport. I was over there two years ago to study that. It's going to go very big in the near future, and West Adelaide should be part of that development as well.

Q. — You played in the National League-winning team of 1978. Could you compare the feeling among the players last year when they were more or less humiliated and finished second-last in the National Conference of the League?

McGACHEY — The '78 side was unique inasmuch as we had many, many players with very strong characters. We got on very well off the field, as well as on the field and because of that character and the will to win we won a lot of games we really shouldn't have won, purely by endeavour.

Last year was the same as 1980, '81, '82, '83. The team has lacked a bit of unity, lacked friendship off the park. It's a very important area of the team.

If you're happy off the park, you work very hard for each other on the park. Unfortunately we haven't had that at the club for four years.

I think supporters have been at each other's throats, committees have been debating too many things. I think, generally, there's been a disharmony around the club for four years and that really shouldn't be there.

Success only comes through unity, and success only comes by supporting your fellow person at the club and working together.

We've got to go back to working together, as we did in '78 and in the late sixties/early seventies. The team and the club was then one big family. It was united, and that was the secret to success, really, nothing else.

We want to educate the players about their body, to get them to realise that soccer isn't only playing on Sunday.

Q. — What's the feeling like now, before the season has actually started?

McGACHEY — We've got a long way to go. It's an awful lot better than it has been. I'm enjoying it. I think the players are enjoying it.

Team-mateship and comradery build up only through time. We're starting anew, we're building camaraderie and it's only a matter of time before the team does become a unit, before it does become a family.

Therefore, that will extend through to the supporters as well when they become more involved and it will extend through to the committee when it becomes more entrenched as the season goes on.

Just watch Kalanitzis go

Another player hungry for goals and destined for the big time, as predicted in this column last year, is Chris Kalanitzis, who is playing for Australia in the elimination series this week in Sydney for the World Youth Cup finals.

Chris adds a lot of strength and plenty of attacking bite (not to mention flair and skill) to the young Socceroos.

Australia will be looking for a really big effort from Chris, along with the experience and ability of Peter Petkovski, John Panagis and Alex Bandalos, to pull us through this series and win a place in the finals in Russia in August.

The young Socceroos have got a big task ahead of them because they've got a proud youth international record to match, seeing as how we

played in the 1981 and 1983

lot of versatility and quality.

Even though Israel and New Zealand look like giving us tough opposition, I'm very confident that our youngsters can clinch a hat-trick of finals appearances.

His experience in midfield,

alongside Theo Semelidis,

Mike Valentine and either

Steve Tasios or John Metaxas

(two youngsters who really

impress me) will be the driving force behind the side this season.

Up front, Stevie Winn, Scott

Patterson and Stewart Stevenson are fighting for two spots

in the starting line-up. They all

can score goals and with

Charlie Yankos and Jeff Oliver

at the back, the Heidelberg

defence is going to be tough to crack.

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Why Odzakov's on the outer

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"I am 29 now, and if I go back to Yugoslavia, I will play maybe in the second or third division, and \$3000 is a lot of money in my country. It is about 90 million dinar, and no club would pay that for me. I don't want to stop soccer. I want to play until I'm 34 or 35 at least," Odzakov said.

He added: "Branov wants it all his way. He must go a little towards me too. He must understand that I came all the way from Europe to play here because of the money."

"I think Branov has something against me. I think he doesn't like me. He doesn't understand, maybe, that when you play in a team with 10 other players, you cannot play good all the time. Today you are happy and you play good. Tomorrow maybe you are sad. That's life. But he thought last year I didn't want to play. That's not true. He listened to some people. How can he say that? I love soccer. I have played 16 years. It is my life."

"Last year the team wasn't good for the first half. Only Robbie Dunn had a good season. Everyone else was not so good. Also, I was injured, and then I was left out because I wasn't fit. That's OK. That was right. But this year it is not right. It is not good for the team, because they are one player short."

Odzakov also claims Makedonia has not yet paid him all of his contract money from last year.

Odzakov has been granted permanent residence and has applied for citizenship. If he gets it, and his problems with Makedonia are resolved, he intends to make a push for a place in the national team for the World Cup. If not, he'll go home when his contract expires.

"At my age, I must play," he says. "I cannot stay out because I lose fitness."

His last senior match was in a 1-2 loss to Morell Falcons in early January, following which Branov gave him the committee's decision. Since then he has had a few training sessions with the youth team, coached by former Makedonia star Kito Grozdanov.

"The youth team you get nothing — no boots, no money. When the season starts, we may get \$10 a week, but I don't care. If Branov is happy, I am happy."

There is a chance, however, that a businessman who supports the club will pay Makedonia the contentious \$3000, thus eliminating the need for a transfer fee once Odzakov returns home. If that happens, we probably would see a quick return by Odzakov to the senior team.

In the Buffalo Gold Cup, youth team centre back Bill Piculovski has been in Odzakov's midfield position.

Odzakov had offers from Croatia, Juventus and Heidelberg last month, and was on the verge of joining Croatia. He figured, however, that if Croatia bought him for \$20,000 or \$30,000, the fee being the greatest at the time — then the club probably would set a similar fee once he returned to Yugoslavia. "If I can't accept \$30,000, I can't accept \$20,000."

Makedonia's former coach Peter Ollerton, often called Odzakov the best midfielder in Australia, Odzakov came here with an impeccable pedigree and emerged as one of the finest players in the NSL in 1983. He played for Vardar Skopje from 1969 as a junior until 1983 when he came to Australia.

He had about 350 senior games with Vardar, more than 200 of them in Yugoslav First Division. He also played for the Yugoslav First Division. He also played for the Yugoslav national junior team against Rumania and Sweden in a tournament in Monaco in 1973, and for the national youth team alongside Veličin Jazec (Dinamo Zagreb) in Iran in 1976.

Born in Novi Dojran, about 60 km from Skopje, Odzakov came to Australia with Vardar in 1978 and 1979.

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FORZA JUVE!

By
PETER SCOTT

Israel's national coach Yosef Merimovitch is in Australia on a triple mission — only two of which have to do with football.

He is seeking to guide the Israel youth squad to a berth in the World Youth Cup finals, scheduled for the Soviet Union later this year. Merimovitch is also casting a careful look around for accommodation, training facilities and general conditions for his senior squad's vital World Cup mission towards the end of the year.

Last, but not least, it is a sad, personal mission to Australia for Merimovitch, reviving memories of a brother who was one of the millions of victims that fell during World War II.

His older brother Menachem was in the Israel (then Palestine) national soccer team which arrived for a tour of Australia during the early days of World War II. At the end of a long and successful nationwide tour Menachem Merimovitch and two of his team mates decided to settle in Perth, rather than return to strife-ridden Palestine.

Within a few months Menachem volunteered to serve in the Australian Army and was sent to Camp 10, where five weeks earlier he had fought his way across as one of the famous Aussie Diggers of the harsh New Guinea campaign.

With a girlfriend in Perth and a quiet life in the Australian sun to look forward to, Menachem Merimovitch, by then an Australian citizen, survived until May 12, 1945, when with the end of the war in the Pacific almost within sight, he fell in action.

Or could it be that there is a very evident emotional attachment between the Merimovitch family and Australia; there is no sentiment involved when it comes to the business of football?

While spectators were greatly impressed by the smooth, stylish and thoughtful display of the young Israelis against Chinese Taipei in their first match, not so the coach. "We still have jet lag and can play much better," he said. And that is an unintended, but nonetheless serious, warning to Jimmy Shoulder's Australians.

This Israeli squad is without eight of its regulars, who were — as reported in "Soccer Action" — expelled from the



AAP correspondent Ted Simmons (right) interviews Israeli national coach Yosef Merimovitch.

Merimovitch on spying mission

team after some unseemly shenanigans in training camp recently.

"Norman Bachar is the coach of the squad, but after our problems in camp I was sent along to make sure the squad behaves as a national team of Israel should," Merimovitch confided. "And, of course, this is also a good opportunity to look things over in readiness for October."

One thing is certain, there will not be a repeat of the botch-up over accommodation which occurred this time around. The Israelis — as well as some of the other teams — are staying at a government hostel to which they were assigned and declined the accommodation offered to them.

"Our boys are not a bunch of softies, seven of them are serving in the Defence Forces, with the others due for their national service soon, but to be accommodated in a place where there is one bathroom only for six persons and where the rooms do not have doors, thus ruling out any privacy, was not satisfactory.

"We may just have decided to put up with this, if only the Australians weren't booked into a proper motel, instead of sharing this place with the other teams," Merimovitch said.

The coach was very reticent when it came to talking about his team's prospects in the current series. "I don't talk tactics, I let the football talk for me!" — but ventured the opinion that both the young Socceroos and the Kiwis are "fast and very physical".

On soccer in general, he echoed Australian officials' continuing amazement at having his country, and Taipei bracketed in international competitions with the Oceanians.

Prior to the Asians and FICA caving in to Arab boycott pressures, Yossef Merimovitch scored some notable successes as a coach, taking the national team to victory in the 1964 Asian Cup, followed by championship wins with Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Tel Aviv in the Asian Club Champions' Cup.

VIVA ITALIA!
with ROCKY DI ZIO

Patikas not in it for the money

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"The next day I read in the Greek press in Sydney that I'd stormed out of the meeting with Petimellis and left this Olympic supporter stranded in the car park by refusing to help him. I couldn't believe it. And to make it worse, Petimellis was quoted as saying that 'I'd demanded far too much money and that he was going to tell me where to go.'

Patikas claims that he had a maximum transfer fee clause in his contract with Olympic for \$20,000. That figure rose proportionately to the Consumer Price Index and was, according to Patikas, \$24,000 at the time of his transfer request.

But Olympic placed him on the market at \$35,000. "I was waiting to go to the tribunal and appeal against Olympic's asking price when Sydney Croatia came in for me," said Patikas. "I asked the Olympic committee for permission to train with Croatia. Petimellis was in Greece at the time. The committee said that I could come to the club and pick up a letter releasing me to train with them. I went to the club, the committee man wasn't there. I rang him up and he told me that Croatia would have to take out an insurance policy on me for \$35,000 before I could train with them."

"I couldn't believe it. Two weeks ago, Peter Katholos and Terry Patikas all had trained and played overseas during the off-season. And the overseas clubs didn't have to take out insurance on them." Croatia took out the Insurance and Olympic backed down on its initial asking price.

"Money had nothing to do with me joining Croatia, in

fact my wages there are no different to what Olympic offer. I added a strange and so far everything's going great."

"I hope our coach Vedran Patikas can get cleared to play this season because he's one of the best players ever to come Australia. He's an absolute gentleman too."

Patikas was born in Sydney in October, 1963. He played with Leichhardt Police Boys' Club, Western Suburbs and APIA then joined Sydney City Hakoah. He was in the Australian under-16s at the time.

Peter Russell was the Hakoah scout who spotted Patikas and the teenager played in Hakoah's State League side under Jim Hughes until Gerry Chaldi gave him his chance, using him in nine NSW games in 1979. Then, Eddie Thomson took over.

"Eddie was like a father to me. Everyone at Hakoah is on an equal footing with him and players appreciate that."

"I was having only an average season last year when I played under Eddie. I think him and the team did well in the World Series and I reckon that I played my best soccer of the season in those games."

"I've got to enjoy myself. I've got to really want to play and I've got to respect my coach to do that. That's how it was in the national youth team under Les Scheinfug and that's how it was under Eddie."

"I'm feeling really fit and sharp and now all the trouble I had at Olympic is behind me. It's like starting all over again for me, but I'm really looking forward to this season."

Finalmente una grande Juve

Questo episodio potrebbe anche rimanere una fata isolata una volta che si torna a partite determinanti per il campionato o per altre competizioni. Al momento non ci si può aspettare da un al-

lasciare giovani eppure hanno messo in campo i migliori titoli disponibili, però a differenza degli incontri precedenti in questa Buffalo Gold Cup, la squadra ha finalmente dimostrato una grande coesione, drastiche innovazioni di schieramento e di tattica ed ha prodotto un gioco-spettacolo che è stato un piacere vedere.

Senza voler troppo incassare, Margaritis e con la doverosa premessa che finalmente la Juventus ha potuto contare sui rientranti Brown e Dowey la squadra vista in campo venerdì sera era una "signora squadra", nemmeno lontanamente imparata a quella vista in azione le scorse settimane.

Per cominciare il comitato aveva portato a termine il colpo grosso di assicurarsi il portiere Yaka Balkovic (per quello che ci risulta per una frazione dei \$30,000 richiesti inizialmente dal Croatia) che può essere giudicato il miglior guardiano d'Australia, il rientro di Brown al centro della difesa ha anche avuto un peso determinante sul rendimento della squadra e l'inserto di Dowie di centrocampo di spinta si è rivelato un'altra carta vincente.

Ma il motivo per cui bisogna dare merito principale a Margaritis è di aver finalmente avuto la geniale idea di smontare la coppia Ward-Sweeney come doppi centravanti. Ward e Sweeney e' stato arretrato leggermente con Zini e il centrocampista di turno ad inserire la porta avversaria.

Il ragazzo debbono perciò considerare l'esperienza di venerdì scorso come un premio e un ideale da raggiungere, non una conquista ottenuta che rende difficile ed umiliante tornare nelle formazioni inferiori al punto da cominciare a chiedere trasferimenti ad altre squadre che darebbero loro la benedetta "chance".

La cosa migliore per la loro carriera, e non solo per i ragazzi che si trovano in proposito di poter fare il gran salto in prima squadra, e' di giustificare la fiducia data loro in una occasione, impegnarsi sempre con lo stesso entusiasmo in

tiro quando l'occasione è stata propria.

Il classico esempio e' stato il rientro da un segno su passaggio laterale in area di Zini che aveva rincorsa una palla lunga. Alla vecchia maniera, con Sweeney impallato al centro dell'area una tale occasione non si sarebbe presentata perché la difesa sarebbe rimasta chiusa per fargli buona guardia; il suo arretramento invece ha fatto avanzare i difensori avversari che sono stati bruciati dallo sprint di Zini e non hanno avuto modo di controllare tutti i giocatori in maglia bianconera che sono scattati in avanti per ricevere le passaggio.

Nello spazio lasciato hanno potuto infiltrarsi magnificamente e anche in centrocampo come Cullen, che ha finito per mettere a segno le altre due reti (la prima su suggerimento di Ward e la seconda con l'aiuto di Zini) e' stato un venerdì scorso ha giocato una partita eccezionale dimostrando finalmente le sue grandi doti.

Comunque stiamo a vedere con grande interesse il prossimo importante impegno della Juventus che sarà contro il Croatia domenica 3 marzo per il primo turno della N.S.L. Cup.

Domenica prossima intanto i bianconeri disputeranno una partita amichevole contro il Mornington sul campo di questa squadra.

TORNEO GIOVANILE

Domenica prossima a Summer Park ci sarà l'interessante "Challenge" annuale fra le squadre giovanili della Juventus di Melbourne e dell'APIA di Sydney.

Saranno di scena gli U/13, U/14, U/15 e U/16. Le partite inizieranno alle dieci del mattino e tutto il giorno funzionerà un servizio di barbecue e di

In serata ci sarà una cena danzante alla Melrose Reception durante la quale saranno consegnati i trofei ai medagliati. Il prezzo di ingresso a Summer Park è gratuito; i biglietti per la cena danzante alla Melrose costano \$15 per gli adulti e \$10 per i ragazzi. Prenotazioni: Manduca (380 2561, 260 4404) o Donnici (481 1440).

Puskas here in March

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ers, two midfielders and four attackers.

All players of superb ability and intelligence, they developed almost telepathic understanding and when all fit, with no off-the-field distractions, there was no stopping them.

Here Puskas was a creator, finisher and commander, the dominating force and the team's major inspiration.

But Puskas, the super competitor, was also a pro and a cynical one as well.

Once, when criticised for a poor performance, it was he who came out with his immortal retort: "Small money, small soccer, big money, big soccer".

On another day, the team was not playing too well against a side they should easily have beaten. Puskas yelled across the pitch to the bench, asking: "What about the money?"

Gustav Sebes, the manager, put up both hands with outstretched fingers indicating the figure ten.

Hungary won 3-0!

Puskas's claim to the throne, "best ever", lies not just in his exploits with Hungary but in how he came back from the brink after the Hungarian team dissolved with the uprising in 1956.

That year he was already 30, and, having defected while still a major in the army, he was declared a deserter, was suspended by FIFA and had no club or income.

At that age, even today when players are much fitter, such a stumble would cause any player to fall terminally from the limelight.

Goalie Lukac available

Polonia (Vic) goalkeeper Michael Lukac wants a new club. Lukac first made his mark in the Green Gully side in the Victoria Cup a few years ago, then joined Kew Park Rangers before switching to Polonia.

There's \$1,000 on his head and he can be contacted on 367 4835 or 366 1928.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

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Pisale izvanredne igre protiv Juventusa i ujedljive pobede "PLAVI" su usl u igru protiv Fawkerne kao apsoluti favoriti, ali su ponovo razocarali svoju navijanje jalovom igrom pred protivničkim igrom. Od deset zrelih sasni nisu iskoristili ni jednu, ali se tese su po duva putovali preduzeti i statut. U fudbalskoj godini koja je značajna za nove deca, Zato je prošecani tim Pukovaca odneo evo boda, jer je jednu priliku za gol efektno smestio u JUSt evu mrežu. JUST je završio nocni kup na zadnjem mestu sa "B" grupi, sto nije zaštruzio po prikazanoj utri.

Razlog zadnjeg poraza treba traziti u oblaženjem sastava, jer nisu igrali Bill Lazopoulos i Emil Petrov zbog povreda na tzv. "priateljskim" utakmicama.

JUST je sada slaboden do kupa utakmice sa Green Gully Akademijom u nedelju 3. marta, sto se trener Cirkovic iskoristiti da fizicki i psihicki sposobni svakog igrača za velike napore koji su na pragu.

U četvrtak 20. februara pocinje prvi preliminadni tim i juniora ispod 18 godina. Novi trener je Milos Adamovic, kome će pomoci Djuro Krivostija, Dusan Divid i Mirko Vlajnic. Trenin g pocinje u 6 uveče.

MAKEDONIJI JE POREBNA POBEDA

Dok su Heidelberg/Alexander, Melbourne Croatia i Morwell Falcons osigurali nastup u polufinalu "Buffalo Gold" Kupa, Makedonija mora da pobedi Box Hill većeras da bi postala cevrveni pokal u ruke. Box Hill je uveče učestvovala u polufinalu Brune Hill i Makedonije u polufinalu Box Hilla za tri do ceteći gola, ali u praksi sve je moguce da protivnik poteni.

Uz pomoc svojih vernih navijaca, koji će se odazivati u rekordnom broju, Makedonija će lakše preskočiti zadnju prepreku da bi u polufinalu odmerila snagu sa Heidelberg/Aleksandrom u subotu 23. februara, dok će drugo polufinalne iste večeri igrati Melbourne Croatia i Morwell Falcons, koji je iznenadio mnoge klubove iz Nacionalne lige.

SPORTSKA SVECANOST U WANTIRNI

Na igralistu Hungarian Community Centra, gde je podnuit impresivan

Dom sa fudbalskim terenom, sastali su se u nedelju 17. februara prvi timovi JUST a i Wantirne (ex-Hawksburna) povodom odlike reprezentativci Andy Kazija da se u 39. godini oprostio fudbalu. Pred utakmicu je glasovalo JUSt, je pobedio sa 2-1 (1-1), ali rezultat nije bitan uko da domaci tim borio levezki. Ustrolom tako igra svaki nizarezni klub protiv kluba iz Nacionalne lige. Pred kraj utakmice navalni igrači JUST a takmicili su se u promasivanju. Pobeda bi odneo Dragan Jančić da nije pogodio statut, posto je ostavio pola tuceta igrača za sobom. U strelicu su se uspali Istvan Laslo za Wantirnu u 1. minuti, posto mu je Tomis Karic poklonio loptu, Vlakto Belic u 19. i Bill Lazopoulos u 6. minuti za JUST.

Pred pocetak utakmice Andrija Kazi je dobio trofeje od svih klubova, cije je boje branio u Australiji. U ime JUST-a pehar i klupsku zastavicu predao mu je Josip Stepin, u ime Wantirne Tomažev Bon, a u ime veterana Taraxa Jerry Davis i Veljko Tadic.

Andrew Kazi je igrao prvi 17. minute za JUST, a za tim je obukao dres Wantirne. Po obicaju bio je jedan od najboljih igrača.

Posebne utakmice priredjene je vecera za igrače i funkcionere obeh tima. Andrew Kazi kazao da ga gest JUST-a duboko dirnu i da se sa ponosom cuvati trofej svog maticnog kluba. Poslednju casu pivu ispisao je da kolegom Jovom Milinovom, koji je zbog povreda prestat da igra fudbal, ali ne propusta ni jednu utakmicu.

JUST: Turudija (Vlajnic), Kazi (Djurđevic), Lujic, Jovic (Barjakarevic), Karic, Belic, Jančić (M. Stojilovic), Reigosa (Oblak), Lazopoulos, Stojilovic (Andjeljkovic), Tapai.

Wantirna: T. Mistic (S. Kazi, G. Carli), Ambros, Gatzman, Hegedus, Djurdjevic (A. Kazi), Kanton, Erdedi (Balog), M. Mistic, Erdeg, Hagymasi. Losko.

PRVE ZRTVE DOCKERTY KUPA

U prvom preliminarnom kolu za Dockerty Cup neocekivano su ispalji Ringwood Utd/SRBIA i Springvale United.

Keysborough je pobrog Ringwood/Srbiju sa 2-1 (0-0) u gostima, tretirajući tim imao visok od igre i zrelje sanse. Pocasni gol je postigao Pavle Jevtic u 70. minuti, a mogao je iost 3 do 4 putu da se upise u strelice. Gosti su bili srecni koliko su teski.

TURNIR U DANDENONGU

Na turniru, koji je priredio South Dandenong na dandenong Showground, igraju osam klubova podjeljenih u dve grupe po sedam.

Proste subote i nedelje odigrana su dva kola.

Rezultati "A" grupe Westall Timorese — Mulgrave 1:3, Chelsea/Hajduk — Fitzroy City 4:2, Fitzroy City — Mulgrave 4:0, Chelsea/Hajduk — Westall Timorese.

Rezultati "B" grupe Clayton — Westall 1:0, Parkmore/Plavi Dunav —

South Ringwood/Srbije: Slavisa Milovanovic, Mark Markos, John Musser (Miladin Bljelogrlic od 46. minute), Alex Nelson, Dragan Jimmy Milišavljevic, Miki Sedarevic, Johnny Ross, Tony Gillett, Ljuba Stojanovic (Ljubisa Bosancic od 75. minute), Abo Demir, Pavle Jevtic, Miki Najbojic su bili Pavle Jevtic, Miki Sedarevic i Jimmy Mills.

LEECO HOLDINGS — SPRINGVALE UTD. 2-1 (1-0). U jednoj atmosferi, gde igrači nije prešla da vrednost postigne igrači drugi rovinj, nije mogao ocekivati. Uz to "plavi" iz Springvala igrali vidno oblaženi, bez Dragoslava Jelicica, Gorana Veljovicja, Pere Dekica, Senada Sabotivica i Steve Janjic, dok su Milan Stojilovic i Dragan Janjic prešli.

Sastav Springvala Utd: Zoran Manic, John Makridis, Ilijia Kerecovic, Zek Tepic, Pero Dangovski, Hitko Kaim, Zoran Djukic (Daniel Peter od 65. minuti), Milenko Culibrk, Endi Subaria Zukic, Ljiljana Cane Velevski.

Prostog utakmice "Plavi" iz Springvala su govorili Aleksandar Cane Velevski verio se proslig petka sa simpatičnom Snezannom Krstevskom iz Skoplja. Bilo je veselo, a bice još veselije na svadbi kroz par meseci.

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